

# Old Sodbury Times

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## Please help - Sodbury to Create Wildflower Meadow

A new wildflower meadow is to be created on a field on Sodbury Common thanks to a grant from the West of England Combined Authority. The field, which is about 14 acres in size, has for many years been used to grow hay, but will now have the grass replaced with wildflowers.



The work to prepare and seed the field will take place during September and October, culminating in a community day on the 7<sup>th</sup> October to plant 4000 small wildflower plants.

The planting day will be organised and run by Sodbury Woodland and Nature, please come and support

this local project to produce a wonderful, nectar rich field of wildflowers

Local residents are encouraged to come along and help with the planting. Full details and how to book a place can be found on Eventbrite at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sodbury-common-wildflower-planting-tickets-678760901127>

### Dates for your Diary:

At the Village Hall

6 Sep W.I. 7.30pm

14 Sep Village Revue Plan 6pm

At St Johns C/Sodbury

15-17 Sep Flower Festival 10-5pm

16 Sep Community Concert 6pm

At Sodbury Common

7 Oct Wildflower Planting 10-2pm



### 200 Club Winners

July No 117 Mr M. Harris £50

August No 22 Mrs C. Keller £50

Barbara Lloyd, our village impresario, wants to:

**Dismiss the Winter Blues.** And join together to produce

## A VILLAGE REVUE

Please come to the Village Hall on Thursday 14th September 6pm with your ideas and talent. All ages welcome.

It is envisaged the Revue will take place on the evenings of Nov 24 and 25.

So please save those dates.



**Welcome to:** Katrina and Peter Cottee who have recently moved to Coombes End. Peter writes:

'A bit about ourselves - I have a business background and Katrina was in nursing but we spent the past 15 years in Snowdonia running a 5 star guest house overlooking Llyn Tegid in Bala. A wonderful location (when it wasn't raining) with sunsets directly across the lake over the Arenig mountains.

We loved the lifestyle and the people/guests in North Wales but it was a sizeable Victorian property and on retirement we decided to downsize and move south. We're not quite sure how we ended up in Old Sodbury but so far so very good ! I've joined Manor House Golf Club (is anyone here a member?) and Katrina is very keen on yoga, gardening and hiking.

We look forward to meeting people locally and getting involved in community activities. Do say hi if you see us walking a small border collie (Bella) around the fields. '

Realising that it seems to arrive quicker & quicker every year, it's never too early to start thinking about Christmas.... and the one thing that screams 'Its Christmas' is a Traditional Festive Wreath!

Over the last few years, I have gone from never having made a wreath, to teaching myself and becoming completely hooked, to running workshops at home for friends and family. Culminating last year in appearing on Channel 4's Kirstie's Handmade Christmas!

This year, after many requests and not enough space at home, I will be sharing my passion for this versatile & fun craft by running 2 Christmas Wreath Making classes. If you'd like to join me, I'd love to see you!

The classes will be at Old Sodbury Village Hall on:  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November @ 7pm & Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December @ 10am**

It doesn't matter if you have never made a Wreath before, I'll be able to guide you through what I find are the easiest ways of creating something beautiful. All materials will be provided, you just need to bring yourself!

Tickets are available from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-wreath-workshop-tickets-691982146227>  
(Use code 691982146227 or scan the QR code below)



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**Save the date! Friday 1st December, 10.30 - 1.00**

**Christmas Coffee Morning with Craft Stalls at the Village Hall**



### Church News

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Reverend Chris Butler as the new rector of our Sodbury Vale Benefice. She will be licenced by Bishop Rachel on 4th October 2023.'

Chris was ordained in Bath and Wells in 2010 and comes to us from Pilton in Somerset. She also confesses to be a supporter of Bath Rugby...

We look forward to welcoming her!

### **Also**

At Chipping Sodbury Baptist Church there will be a new minister, Rev. Tom Wheran. He and his family will be coming from Wotton-under-Edge.

The Baptist Church has recently been awarded the Bronze Ecochurch Award.

## OLD SODBURY W.I.

Members enjoyed strawberries and cream at our "Gardener's Question Time" which took place in July. Two of our longstanding members were the "experts" who were able to give helpful advice from black spot on roses to dealing with ants and miner bees in the lawn. Gardening tips and a quiz all helped to make a good evening.

Our Book Club have shed a few tears when reading "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah. It is a historical novel about the Dustbowl on the Great Plains of America and the subsequent westward migration by drought-stricken farmers. It is a deeply moving, powerful story about the strength and resilience of women and the bond between mother and daughter. We look forward to a summer afternoon meeting in a member's garden to discuss this book.

Summer jollity has included Ladies Day at Bath Races (sunshine and fun but no fortunes made!), then Yoga on a member's lawn followed by Pimms, canapes and flower garlands! We have also been mixing and tasting fancy Cocktails and visited Wolfridge Alpacas where we had an opportunity to be creative with wool felting.

The Craft Group have welcomed Heather who has supported us this summer to do ink printing on cloth, create fabulous bunting and make pictures with dried pressed flowers. We have been invited to visit Heather's craft group in September.

We are also looking forward to a repeat walk to the Old Sodbury community orchard and woodland followed by a Ploughman's Supper in September and we hope it will be a warm and sunny evening!

For our next meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September Susan Symons will be entertaining us with stories of the early life of Queen Victoria. Prospective members and visitors are very welcome to join us.

For more information about Old Sodbury WI please contact Sue 01454 315161

### Old Sodbury W.I. wins 1st Prize at Hawkesbury Upton Show



St John's Church, Wickwar Road, Chipping Sodbury

## Flower Festival



*celebrating 100 years of Disney*

10am - 5pm  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>  
September

For further information, contact: [pjandjj81@outlook.com](mailto:pjandjj81@outlook.com), 07980 240103

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Also **Community Concert**  
6pm Saturday 16th September  
Adult £10 Child £5 Family £25  
Contact: [pjandjj81@outlook.com](mailto:pjandjj81@outlook.com)  
Tel: 07980 240103

**Old Sodbury Football Club** Well the new season will soon be upon us with the first game in the Bristol Premier Combination League away to Iron Acton. They are playing this season at Lodge Road which is Yate Town ground.

The team have played 3 friendlies up to 13th August with 3 more planned before the league starts. A couple of players have moved to other clubs but manager Liam Barrett has secured a few new faces.

In the friendlies Old Sodbury drew 3-3 against Charfield despite being 3-0 up at half time. Against Odd Down the team lost 5-3 and against Berkeley they also lost 3-2.

At the first league meeting at Manor Farm ground on the Portway some dates may change due to Cup Rounds.



*Laurence Walker*

**Blind WI member from  
Colts Green wins  
National Dressage Championship**

Verna Clifford, a member of Chipping Sodbury WI, who is blind and a keen rider, is a national dressage champion, having won her class at the Riding for the Disabled National Championships held at Hartpury College in Gloucestershire over the weekend of 14th to 16th July.

Verna, who regularly gives a talk to WIs and other groups about her riding experience entitled, 'Riding Blind' said "I know many people are amazed that I horse ride being blind, but I am proof that so much is achievable with a little help. I owe so much to the volunteers at the Avon Riding Centre for my success!"

Here she is at the Avon Riding Centre.

<u>Fixtures</u>		
2 Sept	Iron Acton	A
6 Sept	Hambrook	A
9 Sept	Oldland Res	H
13 Sept	Cripps A	H
16 Sept	Thornbury Res	A
23 Sept		
30 Sept		
7 Oct	Shirehampton Res	H
14 Oct	Greyfriars	A
21 Oct		
28 Oct		
4 Nov	A.E.K.Boco	H
11 Nov	Nicholas Wand.. Res	A

Lost and Found

When Alan lost his wedding ring he thought he would never find it again.

But our doughty metal detectorist, Craig Denney came to the rescue and restored the ring back to its owner.

Have you lost something metal? - Perhaps Craig can help you [cleggy@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:cleggy@blueyonder.co.uk)



**Sodbury Short Mat Bowls Club**

Our Bowls club has had enough players to take part in a couple of games on most Monday evenings through the summer. Hopefully the number of players will increase in the autumn when members return from their holidays!

Historical evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers (known as lawn bowling at the time). However, all league records were unfortunately lost to antiquity. Thus, we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled. !!!!

**Remember: We don't stop laughing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop laughing!**

So come along and try a game of short mat bowls! No previous experience needed, and we have fun! Just come on any 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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