

Wembdon Parish Paper

Edition 14



Connecting with our community



**Hello from your Parish Council for 2015-2019.
We look forward to working with you to serve
and improve our village community.**

Updates:

Wembdon Parish Council are delighted to welcome a new member; Councillor Richard Webber now joins us. Wembdon-Wembdon has one vacancy which we are in the process of filling by co-option.

A restructuring of policing in our area has taken place. PC Freeman will still be the principle contact for Wembdon, but he will now be part of a bigger team covering a larger area. We were delighted to meet PCSO Georgina Long who can be contacted via email georgina.long@avonandsomerset.police.uk. You should still ring 101 to report a crime, or 999 for an emergency.

The police report continues to highlight an issue with shed / garage burglaries so please be advised to be extra vigilant. A scheme to have your property post-coded is available through local policing, please contact our PCSO as above, for more information.

The Speedwatch Team continue to do a fantastic job collecting and collating data for the village to support our applications to reduce the speed of traffic through the village. We hope to have a representative from Highways, SCC to discuss speeding issues at the July PC meeting.

We regularly receive requests at this time of year to attend to various hedges and footpath that become over-grown. This is helpful as we cannot walk all the paths ourselves to know which are problematic (although between us we cover a fair few!). However, please be aware if it is a privately owned hedge or boundary it is the responsibility of the owner. Highways are very clear that the landowner owns **all** the sides of their hedges and edges!

Repairs to the play surface in the under 6's area have now been completed.

A polite reminder please, that it is the park policy that **all** dogs must be kept on a lead when walking through the playing fields. Dog excrement causes Toxocariasis, which causes blindness in children, and is also anti-social to everyone. The fabulous area beyond the playing fields is available for dogs to enjoy and run off the lead. Thank you for your co-operation.

NOTE OF THANKS.

It is with great regret that we as the Parish Council say farewell to Councillors Tom Thayer and Lorraine Burge and offer our sincere thanks for their time and dedication to our village. Both have served the Parish Council for the past four years with great enthusiasm and have worked alongside the other members of the Council in: sorting out the allotments, working on the Give a Days, organising the Jubilee celebrations plus sitting on our various committees and working groups responsible for Finance, Planning, Highways, Speedwatch, footpaths and the Playing Field.

Unfortunately the pressures of new working roles has absorbed their valuable time so I personally thank them for their tremendous support over the past four years and look forward to their re-joining us should the opportunity arise.

Mike Solomon
Chairman

Bridgwater's Blake Museum.

Blake Museum Learning Team are looking for volunteers to take small groups around the museum. This is not a regular commitment, dates and times are as requested by groups between April and October. Training given. Please contact the museum secretary:

secretary@bridgwatmuseum.org.uk tel 01278 456127

Wembdon Community 'Give-a-Day' Report from 8th March.

I seem to be taking up lots of magazine space with these events – I just get very excited when lots of people come together and give their time to help move things forward in our village.

About 15 adults met on the 'Persimmon' ground and put in an incredibly hard shift clearing the large copse nearest the NDR. We had never seen such a tangled mess of brambles intertwined amongst the trees. Cutting, pulling and burning them drained everyone but the end result is a copse with 6 different tree varieties that we can now walk through and enjoy. The tough news is that there are another 5 copses to untangle and this area of land will be the focus of future 'give-a-days' for some time to come. I have mentioned before that the development of this huge area of land behind the village hall is a 5 year programme so please put the next date (see it in this issue) in your diary, roll up your sleeves and join in the 'fun' !! We are very grateful to Graham Shaw who, in his role with Sedgemoor Camera Club, has attended our last two days and has some amazing pictures of our work. I intend to put up some of the pictures on the walls of the new Village Hall so watch this space.

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Wembdon "Give-A-Day" Saturday 27th June.

It seems like ages since we last gathered on the 'Persimmon Land' to clear the first copse of a multitude of green rubbish. It must be time for another session. I doubt that we can beat the 24 who helped at the last session BUT, you are all invited to clear the 2nd (and maybe even a third) copse to keep the ball rolling. The next 'GIVE-A-DAY' will be Sat 27th June. As usual, we will be down at the site from 10am till about 4pm and if you can spare an hour or two just turn up at the 'wild' area at the bottom of the footpath from Wares Lane. You will need stout footwear, gloves and tools such as cutters (long and short handle), rakes, wheelbarrow etc (if you have them). A powerful strimmer would be a great help. The whole 'Village Hall Project' is really starting to take shape so let's get behind the Committee and give them our support.

Neil H.

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Wembdon Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust.

Members of The Trust are receiving lots of interest, anticipation and excitement from local people now that the ground works demonstrate the size of the green space and outline structure for the Hall. The new footpath has also generated more excitement than a footpath should, it does enable access for all but I think the excitement is down to clean shoes, wheels and paws!

The contractors Woodlands and Sportsfields are on schedule and Sportsfields made the most of a window in the weather to level and prepare the field for drainage pipe work and seeding to commence. In the next few weeks we will see the walls for the hall put in and an even clearer picture of the building emerge.

Congratulations to Sunshiners who have now secured funding for their wing on the Greenacre side of the building. Generations of children have spent many happy days at Sunshiners in the Parish Centre. Now the staff and future pupils can look forward to the opportunities a modern purpose built facility can offer.

As a householder overlooking the site I can confirm the piling and ground work have been annoyingly noisy at times, but only for very short periods and hopefully block work will be a quiet occupation!

The Trust's one continuing area of concern and one that is obvious to all is "where is the bridge?" the main access from Homberg Way. Initial plans were submitted to Highways at Somerset County Council in the summer of 2014. All design work has been drawn up by a company designated to us by SCC and we have had no input into the design and have been fully compliant with all their requests. SCC have still not approved the design despite many communications

with them and meetings which take weeks for them to organise. If you would like to read more detail on this point then please visit our web site

www.wembdonvillagehall.co.uk where you can also find weekly updates and photos of the project.

The continued use of Church Road by construction traffic occasionally causes disruption. The Trust and contractors continue to work closely with the Vicar to reduce problems in the Church Parish Centre area as much as possible. Damage to The Common will be made good once all of the vehicle movements have finished. We would like to apologise to residents affected and assure them we continue to endeavour to resolve the issues with the Highways. Once started the bridge build is scheduled to take 8 weeks.

The planned schedule will provide the building ready for use in spring 2016 and sports pitches in the following autumn and summer.

The Trust will be organising many community events in 2016 and a Hall Committee will also be formed. Please visit our stand on Village Day to see what is planned, tell us what you would like and if you can help.

I will leave you with this Chinese Proverb:

‘Old men plant trees they will never sit under’



I sincerely hope that the Hall and Sports fields will be enjoyed by many people in our village and that this will prove to be a lasting legacy for our future generations”.

Lyn Tyrrell, Trustee.

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Wembdon Community Association (WCA).

Sunday 14th June – Family Wembdon Treasure Hunt

Saturday 11th July – Senior Citizens Bingo / Tea

Monday 31st August – Village Day

Saturday 31st October – Annual Grand Fireworks Display

Thursday 19th November – AGM

Saturday 28th November – Beetle Drive



WEMBDON VILLAGE DAY



**INCORPORATING
THE ANNUAL
FLOWER, FRUIT,
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On Bank Holiday
MONDAY 31st AUGUST 2015

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on Wembdon
Common*

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St. George's Parish Centre and
Wembdon Playing Field

*Fun Starts
At
12 Noon*

FEATURING

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DOG DISPLAY TEAM

ANNUAL CAR BOOT SALE

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*Limited
Free parking*

*Flower Show
Opens at 1pm*



Entrance

Adults	50p
Children	20p
OAP	20p

WEMBDON PC ALLOTMENTS.

Tom Thayer and I have been looking after the allotments for three years or so and, now that Tom has left the Council, Jason Woods has kindly offered to join me. He has also just taken up one of the allotments so you should be able to catch him there, mainly at weekends.

For the last 2 years we have had a waiting list of Parishioners hoping to rent an allotment but the list has just been reduced to zero after 5 allotment holders gave up their plots recently. So, if there are any gardening enthusiasts out there who feel inclined to give it a go then get in touch with Tony the Clerk or contact me directly and I can start a new list. The views up there are stunning and the soil quality is excellent (unfortunately, the weeds thrive as well and the allotments need regular attention).

Looking forward to hearing from you. Neil H. 01278 457549



Speedwatch is an essential resource for our village to ensure everyone's safety and a pleasant environment in the village. We are desperately looking for a few more volunteers to join this small, dedicated team for a couple of hours a month in order to maintain a presence in the village. If you are willing to give it a go, or would like to find out more PLEASE get in touch via the clerk. All training and insurance provided. PLEASE come and help make a difference to your community. Thank you 😊

Contact your Parish Council

website: www.wembdon.org email: wembdonpc@gmail.com

Visit our Facebook page Wembdon parish council

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Post: Tony Jay, Wembdon Parish Council Clerk, c/o Banwell Village Hall, Westfield Road, Banwell, North Somerset. BS29 6BS Tel No 07741 461982

Know your Parish Councillor's:

Mike Solomon, Neil Harrison, Julia Riddle, Anne Reed, Richard Webber & Joanna Jackson represent Wembdon-Wembdon ward. There is currently a vacancy in Wembdon- Wembdon which is now being filled by co-option.. Terry Thake, Dan Bingham & Jason Woods continue to represent Wembdon-Victoria ward. In the next edition we hope to formally introduce your 2 new parish councillors. 😊

Wembdon Parish Council meet on the 3rd Monday of the month. This may be subject to change, notification will be via the website & notice boards whenever possible



Any Concerns?

What can your Parish Council do for you and your village? Does it need improving, installing, repairing, reviewing or removing? Please let us know about any issues or aspects of village life which we may be able to attend to. We welcome your positive feedback as well, so why not let us know if we did a good job too!

Advertise here. To advertise here or for more information please contact wembdonpc@gmail.com

A5: ½ page £20 ¼ page £10 mini £5 (b&w). If you would like to submit an entry about your club or village event please contact the Communication Team via WPC, as above.

Local contacts and information.

Wembdon community Association (WCA): Graham Grief – 01278 457973

Wembdon Stores: tel: 01278 434815

The Cottage Inn: Opening hours Mon-Fri 6:00pm- 11:00pm
Sat & Sun 12noon- 4:00pm; 6:00pm-11:00pm tel: 01278 423259

St George's Church office: tel: 01278 423468 / Ed Moll tel: 01278 423647

Parish Centre: Pat Bright tel: (01278) 457760

Beavers / Cubs / Scouts: Group Leader John Ennals tel: 07703 033 947

Brownies: Leader Sue Sly tel: 01278 410911

Cricket club: All cricket, pavilion hire, sponsorship & enquiries - Dan Bingham tel: 07841 013 128. wembdoncricket@gmail.com

Football club: Caroline Fretwell englandbirdie@aol.com tel: 07736045967

Wembdon Ladies: Lyn Poile tel: 01278 424431

Wembdon Toddlers: Thurs 10am-12noon Ceri Douglass tel: 01278 422702

Wembdon Sunshiner's Pre-school: Jen Hillier tel: 01278 457100

Ladies keep Fit: Mon 945am-10:45am Viv Tolcher tel: 01278 424491

Art Group: Tues 10:00am-12:00pm Kay Robbins tel: 01278 423212

Jay Singers: Tues 7:45pm Tim Loveday tel: 01278 425422

Wembdon Bridge: Thurs 1:45pm Ernie Whitehead tel: 01278 424134

Sedgemoor Camera Club: Graham Shaw tel: 01278 422343

Sedgemoor Sticher's: - Vanessa Leighton tel: 01278 662977

Travel Line: (local bus information) 0871 200 22 33