

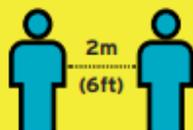
*Memories of Life in Wembdon*



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## WEMBDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Well here we are in 2021 hoping and praying that life will soon return to some resemblance of normality, with fresh hope as the vaccination programme is successfully rolled out across the nation. There will be many new challenges along the way, of that I am sure, but as long as we pull together we can hopefully reach a safe point at which life can start to return to a familiar pattern.



SERVING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

**At our 'Zoom' meeting in January** we in the WCA were not in a position to make any big decisions regarding the programme for this year, however, we were certain of one thing, that being, although we are poised and ready to act on our 2021 programme of events, we would not do so unless we could absolutely guarantee the safety of our members, helpers and the general public at each of those events. With this in mind, we are unable to commit any dates at this moment in time and it may be that even if we are able to stage events in 2021, they might not be in their familiar format.

Depending on the progress made in combatting this evil virus and the decisions of our elected leaders, we hope to make final decisions on our Senior Citizens Dinner at our February meeting, the Village Day at our April meeting and our Annual Fireworks Display at our June / July meeting.

Please be patient and continue to show your fantastic support for our events and efforts and don't forget, we are always looking for new committee members to help. This would be most beneficial after such a long break.

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Graham Grief, WCA Chairman.

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## St George's Church and Parish Centre.

Since the last edition we have still been busy with online services and including the community.

We don't know what Easter services will look like, but Christmas taught us that even if our services look very different, they can still work. We were able to take carols to you over Christmas with the



mobile nativity scene, complete with Mary and Joseph! and there were some fabulous advent windows to be found around the village too. So, all we can say is watch the website and facebook page for details; at the time of writing, the church services are online with space in church only for the very few who have no access to the online service. As

and when restrictions ease and we can accommodate more people safely, those attending would still need to book in.

Here's how to find the youtube services ...

[st georges church wembdon - YouTube](#)

The parish centre has remained closed since December. We have been able to accommodate a couple of groups who are able to meet during lockdown due to exemptions. This has included AGE UK and



Total Care, enabling them to carry out important training. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back as soon as is allowed. We were able to send out more holiday poverty boxes through St George's primary; we try and get these out at every school holiday just as a top-up to other vouchers and food they receive. We receive the food

via the food bank, the village agents and Branston potatoes. We were also able to give all families a fresh turkey crown from Pyne's of Somerset at Christmas, which was a great addition to the boxes.

## Wembdon Community Youth Project

A steering group to convert the upstairs space at The Green Wembdon is asking for support from the Wembdon Community in order to make the room available as a place for people to meet and socialise.

When The Green was built it was envisaged that the upstairs space could be used for youth activities but due to the builders going bankrupt that money was lost from the original project and when costs had to be cut, that was the compromise which had to be made.

We are looking to develop this space to create a room able to be used and give new opportunities for youths to be involved in the community of Wembdon.

COVID-19 has affected the freedom of us all and youngsters, in particular, have been robbed of their chance to mix and have fun with friends. With mental health issues looking likely to have a huge impact on their social well-being for many years to come, encouraging ways to get youngsters to interact in positive ways and as a community has got to be a benefit worth considering.

Having had three meetings of the Community Youth Group we are at the very early stages of trying to raise funds and to find ways to try to convert the upstairs space. We have a steering group of five and have 11 volunteers currently offering their time to help make this project happen.

Joe Casson of **Joseph Casson Estate Agents**, is supporting the project and Chris Escott and Lee Berry, from **Berry & Escott Engineering**, have offered their time and project management services to get this space operational.

One of the biggest issues is that for the upstairs space to be used in the building, a lift needs to be installed to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act and this looks like costing between £k15-£k20, more of a high jump than a hurdle, but when The Green was first envisaged that was created from a standing start.

The Trustees of the Wembdon Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust have agreed that the space could be used for youth activities in the evenings, with the possibility that business activities in the daytime could generate some income which could subsidise the youth use.

Our steering group comprises

Peter Reed, Chair of the Steering Group, Secretary to WVH&PFT

Mike Solomon, Chair of Wembdon Parish Council and Trustee of WVH&PFT

Neil Hughes, Trustee of WVH&PFT

Kathryn Searle, Wembdon Parish Councillor

Chris Escott, Director Berry & Escott Engineering

Lockdown has imposed restrictions on everyone and trying to recruit volunteers is difficult, the photos below show the space available and the opportunity we have to create a place to meet which is safe, warm and dry.

As a group we would welcome any help towards transforming this room and are currently researching grants and looking to fundraise when lockdown restrictions allow.

If you are able to offer assistance, whether as time, skills, donations or donation of materials, we would very much appreciate you contacting us below. Alternatively, if you are able to offer sponsorship as a supplier, we would be pleased to advertise your support.

We look forward to having your offers to help our future Wembdon space for meeting!

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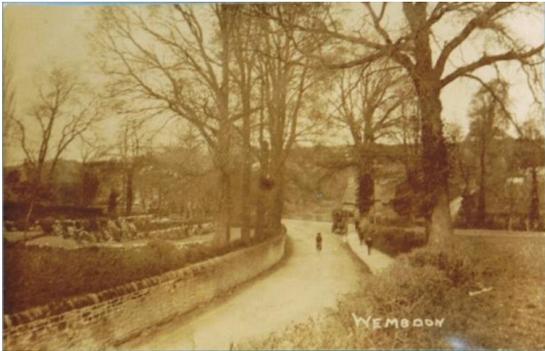
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## *Ye Olde Wembdon*

Councillor David Gliddon recently came across some old photos of Wembdon (as shown on the front cover and below). This has inspired a request from the Parish Council to the parishioners of Wembdon to share their photos, stories or memories of Wembdon from time gone by.

If you have photos or stories from life in Wembdon you would like to share on our Facebook page or even in future editions of the Parish Paper, please email them to [d.gliddon@wembdon.org](mailto:d.gliddon@wembdon.org)



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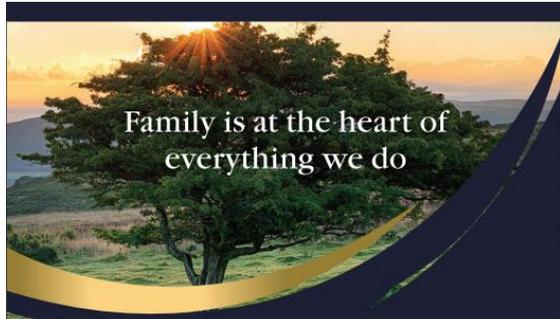
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*The public are warmly invited to  
attend*

If you would like to virtually attend  
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[clerk@wembdon.org](mailto:clerk@wembdon.org) at least 5 working  
days before the 8<sup>th</sup> March to request a  
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