

Wembdon Parish Paper Edition 29



Wembdon Community Association Senior Citizens Christmas Meal

Saturday 4th January 2020

St George's Parish Centre was the venue once more for this year's Christmas Meal provided by the WCA for 63 of our Wembdon Seniors.

The tables were laid out and were very soon occupied as the band 'Equinox' entertained. As always, the room was filled with jolly conversation as members of the WCA ensured that everyone was seated and comfortable. They didn't have to wait long before the food appeared from the kitchen, three courses plus coffee professionally served up by Vagabonds Outside Catering with assistance here and there from WCA members, who also ensured that the glasses remained filled with wine or soft drinks.

Not a single complaint was received and the atmosphere within the room was buzzing with enjoyment assisted by the pleasing tones from Equinox. Time between courses for the raffle and the excitement of winning one of the amazing prizes on offer.

The whole event was a great success and everyone went away with happy faces which made the expense and workload of the WCA most worthwhile.

The WCA have received many thanks and words of gratitude and encouragement following the event but it's worth recording the words of one of our Seniors who attended for the first time: "This was the first time I have been and I was pleasantly surprised.

The band 'Equinox' were very good and the food and wine was excellent with a lovely roast dinner and choice of starter and desert. The food was served to the table by very pleasant waiters and waitresses from Vagabonds and the WCA who got to know people and had the time to chat with them. Personally, the afternoon was faultless and I'm really looking forward to next year. Ed Cornish".



Photos of the WCA Senior Citizen's Christmas Meal



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Wembdon Allotment Update

I am pleased to say that all the vacant plots have now been let. Full sized plots have been divided in half to provide manageable plots. As a result of advertising on the Parish noticeboards and on the Facebook page, a great deal of interest was received and now there is a waiting list.

New allotment holders are planning and working to get their plots into shape for spring planting. Their hard work will reward them. The view across the allotments is already benefiting from their labours.

Recent storms have caused a little damage with a few shed roofs losing some of their felt, and some plastic pots have been scattered across the site. There are plans foot for an allotment clean up in March. Allotment holders will be hearing about this shortly.

Spring will be on its way soon. The Allotments will be a hive of activity. Happy growing.

If you are interested in renting an allotment in the future please contact me via d.claydon@wembdon.org



75th Anniversary of VE Day

We are still looking for anyone currently living in the village, who has personal memories of the events of VE day, and would like to share them with the rest of our community to either say a few words at the unveiling ceremony or perhaps write a few words that can be read out. Please email me or pop in at 45 Inwood Road or email m.phillips@wembdon.org.

These memories will be posted at the Village Hall on 8th and transferred to the Parish Centre on 10th. The

VE 75th Celebration tree will now be planted by The Parish Council on Wembdon Common, a commemoration plaque is being provided by the Wembdon Community Association and our local builder, HBC, is building a small plinth in Wembdon Stone to provide a suitable mounting place for the plaque.

Plans for VE Day bank holiday weekend have been finalised;

Friday May 8th 'VE Day' 75 Anniversary

12:00-4:00

Picnic at the park, all invited, fancy dress encouraged (1945 theme), there will be games, sporting activities, singing and the Last Post at 3:00pm (as per the rest of Britain), Union Jack flags for the children to wave will be supplied. On 'The Green' there will be tea/cakes/food available for all parishioners.

4:00pm

A plaque will be unveiled on Wembdon Common by our parishioners
The Cottage Inn Wembdon

6:00pm Pig Roast available

7:00pm Somerset Songbirds singing poignant songs

8:00pm Two Tone performing 2 sets

Fancy dress encouraged.

The Cottage is holding a raffle in aid of The British Legion

Sunday May 10th

Church service in the morning, in the afternoon, tea and cake at 4pm, service starting at 5pm with Burtle Silver Band.



Wembdon Parklands & Community Together

February arrived in a wet and windy fashion, but luckily, we had a few days of sunshine and no rain! This was much appreciated by the team installing the nature trail animal sculptures. All the sculptures are cemented deep into the ground, so that they are safe for people sitting on them and children to play on.

In the coming weeks you will see gradual additions, such as, a nature trail lectern, with a map and some interesting wildlife facts, that will be fun, interesting and educational. The stumpery will gradually develop with more logs added over the coming months. A small educational lectern will provide information on how the stumpery helps increase biodiversity in the park, insect hotels will be created and bins will arrive. Sensory borders will have their final benches fitted.

So far, we have installed ten bird boxes and five bat boxes, with four more bird boxes coming soon, in time for the breeding season. Two benches and a space for a wheelchair/pushchair are now in place and planting is almost all complete, with a little more to do in March/April.

We have received a lot of support and fantastic feedback, people we have met walking around the park are very interested in what we are doing. As a team of local volunteers, we began this journey three years ago and we are delighted how the project is evolving. We have spent hundreds of hours researching and talking to experts and people in the community. Many hours discussing and planning out every element in great detail, to ensure we are doing our best to support and encourage wildlife and combat emissions from the busy NDR. Improving health and the quality of life for people by rejuvenating this previously inaccessible wasteland, for everyone to enjoy, making it inclusive to all ages and abilities for years to come.

Thank you for all your lovely comments and support



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from 09.30 - 12.00

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Sunday 26th April 2020

11am

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Striders

REPORT FROM THE SID & SPEEDWATCH TEAM



Latest evidence from the Speed Indicator Device:

Wembdon Rise JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020 – coming from the NDR towards the zebra crossing.

Traffic Report From 20/01/2020 09:00:00 through 03/02/2020 09:59:59

Max Speed = 65.0 MPH on 30/01/2020 06:00:00 & another vehicle captured at 60 mph just yards from our crossing point.

Total Vehicles = 32,529 counts - Average Daily No of vehicles: 2316
AVERAGE SPEED 26.7 MPH

The Speed Watch team have been operating on Wembdon Hill and captured 6 drivers travelling in excess of 36 mph – their details were passed to the Police Speed Enforcement Team.

If you would like to support the Speed Watch team, please contact anyone on the Parish Council.

I'm sure many of you are as frustrated as we are at the speed of traffic that dashes through the village. The Parish Council continues to work tirelessly with District and County Councillors to find a solution to this problem.

Parish Councillor contacts

Councillors

Mike Solomon	01278 457026	Anne Reed	01278 421420
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Parish Clerk

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Information

Find the latest news on our website Wembdon.org, or follow us on Facebook Wembdon Parish Council

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**Clive Anderson:
Me Macbeth & I**

**Saturday 28 March
7.30pm**

Tickets: £19

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Rapunzel

**Sunday 5 April
12pm & 3.30pm**

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Saturday 21 March
7.30pm**



**Jon Culshaw: The
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Friday 27 March
7.30pm**



**100%
Simon Brodwin
Friday 24 April, 8pm**



**Mark Steel:
Every Little Thing's
Gonna Be Alright
Saturday 23 May, 8pm**



**Seann Walsh:
Same Again?
Thursday 28 May, 8pm**



coming soon
TO THE McMILLAN

**Michael Ball & Alfie Boe:
Back Together (screened)
Saturday 11 April 6pm
Tuesday 14 April, 7pm**



EXTRA SHOW ADDED
Spin Machine

**Girls Just Wanna
Have Fun
Saturday 18 April
3pm & 7.30pm**



Vienna Festival Ballet
**The Sleeping Beauty
Friday 22 May, 7pm**



**A Night To Remember:
The Joe Longthorne
Songbook
Friday 5 June, 7.30pm**



Taking a stand against scams



Join us at our Friends Against Scams Awareness event on Thursday 2nd April at The Green At Wembdon, homberg way TA6 7BY at 2pm - 4pm .

I am delighted that we have got together with The Green to be able to put this event on. We have Natwest bank coming along to give a talk on scams. Invite your friends and put the date in your diary. We will be providing tea and cake afterwards. This is a joint venture with St George's, The Green and WCA as one community.

Watch this space for further events in the future.

The parish centre is now a very bustling place to be, if you are looking for a children's party, baby shower or just a get together, do get in touch. Coffee shop is open 10-12 every weekday morning along with the café on a Tuesday. If you would like to know more about the different events and clubs that use the halls, please let me know.

For all bookings please contact Pat Bright 07930 424858 / 01278 457760 or at patbright@btinternet.com

The crafty club is changing its name to knit and natter as that seems to be the theme! Any Tuesday morning between 10 & 12 in the coffee shop a lovely small group gets together and knit and natter!

I would like to run a special teenager's cookery class, but I am looking for ideas on how that should look and what they would like to do. Please get in contact with me and we can put something together.

There will be cards going out very shortly with all our Easter services on them. If you would like further information on any of our services please let us know.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 9th March 7.30pm @ Wembdon Village Hall

The public are warmly invited to attend

Help clean up our streets

Join the Great British Spring Clean

Fed up with rubbish blowing around your street?
Want to do something about it?

Wembdon Parish Council want to give our support to people who care for their surroundings

We are looking for people who are interested in setting up an 'Adopt-a-Street', Wembdon Group Launch date, Easter Good Friday, 10th April, 2020. We know there are already people in the community, doing a great job picking up litter, and we would like to hear from you.

WPC will support you by helping with litter picking equipment and by promoting the 'Adopt-a-Street' groups work.

For more information e-mail Cllr Lorna Edwards

l.edwards@wembdon.org

**20 MARCH -
13 APRIL 2020**

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**IN ORDER TO
CONTINUE TO
ORGANISE
THESE EVENTS
WE NEED
PEOPLE OF ALL
AGES TO JOIN
OUR
COMMITTEE**

WHO ARE WE?

WE ARE AN INDEPENDENT ORGANISATION WHO ORGANISE COMMUNITY EVENTS & RAISE FUNDS TO HELP ALL WITHIN THE WEMBDON COMMUNITY

WEMBDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ORGANISES:

WEMBDON VILLAGE DAY AND FLOWER, FRUIT, VEGETABLE & CRAFT SHOW.
THE ANNUAL FIREWORK DISPLAY.
VARIOUS EVENTS FOR FAMILIES & SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE INCLUDING A FUN QUIZ & SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER.

CONTRIBUTES TOWARDS:

MANY ORGANISATIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WEMBDON. WE ARE ALSO DONATING FUNDS & SUPPORT TOWARDS THE V.E. 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

WE HAVE DONATED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF POUNDS TOWARDS COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ORGANISATIONS

(ALL MONEY RAISED GOES BACK INTO THE WEMBDON COMMUNITY)

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP, WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED IN ANY WAY, JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW WE FUNCTION OR LEARN WHERE THE MONEY GOES THEN PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR MEETINGS OR CONTACT GRAHAM ON 01278 457973

FUTURE MEETINGS & EVENTS

MEETINGS:

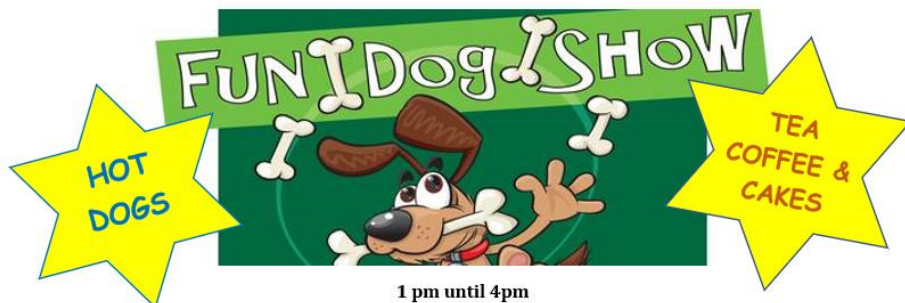
Thursday 27th February, 7.00 p.m. at the Parish Centre
Thursday 26th March, 7.00 p.m. at the Parish Centre
Thursday 23rd April, 7.00 p.m. at the Parish Centre

EVENTS:

SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO / TEA at the Parish Centre:
Saturdays 29th February, 28th March, 25th April 2.00 p.m.
ANNUAL QUIZ: Watch out for Posters
WEMBDON VILLAGE DAY: Monday 31st August

Easter Bank Holiday, Monday 13th April, 2020

ST George's Parish Centre
Church Road, Wembdon



1 pm until 4pm

♥ Junior Handler	♥ Best trick	♥ Waggiest Tail
♥ Best Crossbreed	♥ Prettiest Bitch	♥ Best Veteran
♥ Best Rescue	♥ Most Handsome Dog	♥ Easter Bonnet
♥ Sausage and spoon race	♥ Cutest Puppy under 12 months	♥ Show Champion

Classes are £1.50 each, Rosettes awarded for first to third places.

The winner of each class is automatically entered in to the final class of the day
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Wembdon Parklands & Community Together
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The Green at Wembdon on Homberg Way is a multi-purpose venue; at its centre is Wembdon Village Hall available to hire for family celebrations, meetings and conferences, club and works parties, presentation evenings and training days, music events, craft fairs and quiz nights.

- The large hall can comfortably seat 150 with room for music and dancing and can be divided to accommodate smaller parties.
- We are a popular wedding venue.
- There is a full commercial kitchen for use by caterers and hirers and a fully stocked bar in the lounge area.
- The view from The Terrace looks across to Wembdon Common.
- The building is fully accessible with two accessible toilets, one of which is a fully hoisted 'Changing Places' facility.
- The sports facilities are used by Wembdon Senior and Junior Football Clubs, Wembdon Cricket Club and Wembdon Ladies Rounders team. Pitches and changing rooms are also available for hire on a limited basis.
- Sunshiners Pre School occupy one wing.

For details of availability, pricing and regular classes please visit our website www.wembdonvillagehall.co.uk

For enquiries [email: lyn@wembdonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:lyn@wembdonvillagehall.co.uk)

The office is open every Wednesday evening from 6-8pm for bookings and viewing.

Wembdon Village Hall

*Spring Craft
Fair*

Saturday 16th May

10am – 3.30pm

Wide variety of locally made
crafts and gifts

Coffees/teas, cakes and savouries

Free parking



Bridgwater Area Cycling Campaign

We are a voluntary group made up of keen cyclists & local residents, and like the council members, we are passionate about our work.

BACC was formed in February 2019 - Our members & supporters are made up of many different cycling groups i.e. Bridgwater Cycling Club, Breeze Ladies, SAGE (Bawdrip), village community groups, Sustrans mid-Somerset group, etc.

Our main focus areas are;

- **Safety**; hotspots, schools/college & public concerns, etc.
- **Behavioural change**; events/fairs/awareness/led rides/physical activity. Main focus groups are young children/commuters/vulnerable road users.
- **Infrastructure**; Bridgwater route strategy (holistic & collective approach), cycle auditing, network maps, route priorities, etc.
- **Communication**; BACC website, social media, Facebook, newsletters, updates, letters to councils/schools/parishes, etc.

We have established strong links with our county & local councils and are currently working with them to change and influence cycling & walking safety in our town.

Our current objectives are; 1) Communications; growing links & spending as much time as possible talking to local people i.e. within schools & college, town centre and at events. 2) Infrastructure; conducting cycle audits of the whole town, creating network maps and challenging newly built routes. 3) Planning Applications; reviewing new build sites, providing applications comments and encouraging changes to estate road networks.

If you would like to know more about us, either email us or visit our website.

Email: bridgwaterareacyclingcampaign@gmail.com Website: thebacc.org.uk

Or complete our quick cycling survey at; <https://tinyurl.com/surveybacc>

Local contacts and information.

Wembdon Community Association (WCA): Graham Grief – 01278 457973
email wembdon.community@btinternet.com

Wembdon Village Hall: website wembdonvillagehall.co.uk

Wembdon Stores: tel: 01278 434815

The Cottage Inn: Opening hours Mon-Thurs 4:00pm – Close, Fri 2:00pm- Close,
Sat & Sun 12noon- All day. Bank Holiday Mondays all throughout the year 12
noon – All day 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 033947

Brownies: Leader Sue Sly tel: 01278 410911

Cricket club: Dan Bingham tel: 07841 013128 wembdoncricket@gmail.com

Football club: Caroline Fretwell englandbirdie@aol.com tel:07736 045967

Wembdon Ladies: Ann Collett tel: 01278 451187

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

Wembdon Sunshiners Pre-school: Jen Dodden tel: 01278 457100

Music with Mummy: Tues 1.00pm-3.00pm Lisa Drew tel:07903 284835

Ladies keep Fit: Mon 9.45am-10:45am Viv Tolcher tel: 01278 424491

Art Group: Tues 9:30am-12:00pm Kay Robins tel: 01278 423212

Jay Singers: Tues 7:30pm Tim Loveday tel: 01278 425422

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

Sedgemoor Stitchers: - Vanessa Leighton tel: 01278 662977

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Lorraine Owens-Cox tel: 07957 165777,
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