



**VE DAY**

75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

## WEMBDON UNVEILS VE DAY 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL OAK TREE AND PLAQUE



From left to right – Graham Grief, Mike Solomon, Mark Phillips & Jackie Hubbard

## WEMBDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Like many other organisations this year, the WCA's plans for 2020 have been seriously affected by Covid-19.

Although we have been able to continue meeting electronically, we find ourselves having to cancel events that in the past have become part of the life of Wembdon, enjoyed and well supported by the community and surrounding areas.

It has been necessary to cancel the **Annual Wembdon Village Day** on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August, a big day in the Wembdon calendar, but with the social distancing rules in place it would be impossible to safely police 3,000 to 4,000 visitors at the event, and the Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show would be totally impractical without endangering the health of attendees and committee members.

The **Annual Firework Display** scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> October has also been cancelled for the same reasons, but if conditions improve before mid-September, which currently seems unlikely, we have the option with Skyburst (the fireworks company) to reinstate it.

Due to social distancing regulations we have also had to cancel a number of Senior Citizens Bingo Tea sessions, but hopefully we will be able to reinstate these in the near future, as long as we can ensure the safety of our seniors attending.

**It's not all bad news!** Whilst these events have been cancelled for 2020, we have budgeted for their safe return in 2021 with Village Day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and the Fireworks Display on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021, and like many others we are hoping that next year will witness an end to the chaos that this horrible virus has created

worldwide. At this time, we share our thoughts and condolences with anyone who has suffered or lost loved ones to the virus.

Evidence of our activities are still present in the village; the Parish Council have renewed three benches on the Common which the WCA contributed towards, and we are hoping to lend support to a socially distanced Family Picnic in the Park organised by The Village Hall Trustees on the August Bank Holiday Monday.

As always, we are looking for new members to join our committee and at a time when we are looking forward to making next year a better one, it is most important that we have a strong and willing workforce. If you are interested and willing to help us in supporting the Wembdon community or want to learn more about our meetings and activities, please do not hesitate to ring me (Graham) on 457973 or email [wembdon.community@btinternet.com](mailto:wembdon.community@btinternet.com)

Thank you all in anticipation of your continued support as we face the new future. Let's move forward together and make 2021 a better year for Wembdon and its community organisations.

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## VE DAY 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL OAK TREE AND PLAQUE UNVEILING

Due to Covid-19 all the plans for VE Day were unfortunately cancelled, even the plaque for the VE Day Memorial Oak was replaced by a temporary plastic one until

work could continue to complete the permanent plaque. All the flags and bunting were donated to local businesses and residents, the bunting was donated to Wembdon Sunshiners, The Cottage Inn and Wembdon Stores, the flags were given away to children via a Facebook advert on Wembdon Community Chat. At midday on VE Day a few of us arranged to meet (socially distanced at all times) and install and unveil the temporary plaque. Many Parishioners had already rearranged their own celebrations and had cream teas and drinks in their own front gardens, following a plan suggested via the Government. As soon as the permanent plaque was finished by Fine Memorials it was cemented into place.



Above – Temporary VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plaque

Left – Memorial Oak Tree

## NEW REPLACEMENT BENCHES

In the spring, during lockdown, it was noted that there were three benches that were in a bad condition due to age and wood rot; two on Wembdon Common outside The Parish Centre, and the other, the Millennium Bench outside Wembdon Church. One of the Parish Councillors took on the project, and with generous donations from WCA and The Mitchell Trust, cast iron replacements with slats made of recycled plastic were sourced from street bench specialists 'Broxap', each with its own brass plaque.

The Millennium Bench was ordered in brown with the same words as the old bench. The other 2 benches were ordered black in keeping with the other benches on Wembdon Common and in Wembdon Park.

The relatives of those named on the plaques on the Common benches, decided not to have the same names engraved on the plaques of the new benches so WPC felt it appropriate to instead dedicate the new benches on The Common to VJ Day and Covid-19.

The new benches arrived on 3rd August and were fitted by 3 members of WPC.

The engraved part of the Millennium Bench has been kept with the aim of restoring it and mounting it within the Church or Parish Centre area.

Mark Phillips WPC



The new Millennium Bench



One of the new benches on  
The Common outside the Parish Centre

## Wembdon Allotments News

The allotments are in full growth in more ways than one after the spell of wet weather. The weeds have shot up alongside, potatoes, onions, courgettes, beans, raspberries and a myriad of fruit, flowers and vegetables. All allotment holders are enjoying the fruits of their hard work and commitment. New allotment holders have done an amazing job with their plots and are now reaping the benefits. Late spring and early summer saw soaring temperatures and blue skies. The water butts emptied quickly whilst seedlings and young plants were watered. Muscles soon developed! This certainly provided the daily exercise suggested by the Government during lock down. The full force of nature was appreciated even more than usual by all. The birds sang loudly, nested and fledged their young from hollows and crannies in trees.

More people have walked along the allotment track and all the lovely footpaths of Wembdon, enjoying the fabulous weather and scenery whilst taking their daily exercise during 'lockdown'. There has been a lot of interest in renting an allotment during this time. Now there is a waiting list for a plot. A few plots have recently become available and are needing a tidy up before being offered to those on the waiting list. Lots of work will be required to get these plots up to scratch for cultivation over the autumn and winter in readiness for spring 2021.

The restrictions that came along because of the pandemic prevented the Allotment "Spring Clean" from being completed on schedule but we have now had all of the rubbish bags removed and the whole area is being tidied and returned to its former glory.



# REPORT FROM THE SID & SPEEDWATCH TEAM



## TRAFFIC ANALYSIS REPORT

Wembdon Hill.top.August.2020

Report Generated: 24/08/2020 11:20:04 AM

Speed Intervals = 5 MPH

Traffic Report From 03/08/2020 09:00:00

AM through 24/08/2020 10:59:59 AM

**Max Speed = 55.0 MPH on 05/08/2020 21:45:00**

Total Vehicles = 15,065 counts

**Average Speed: 27.9 MPH**

### RESULTS

- A decrease in daily vehicles from February 2020 (average daily 1052) to 799. Possibly due to schools being closed.
- There has however been an increase in average speeds from **24.4 mph** in February to **27.9 mph**
- The average speeder is travelling **at 43 mph** which has remained constant from February.
- There has been an increase from around **2.5%** of vehicles exceeding 36 mph to approx. **3.1%**.
- A top speed of **55 mph** was recorded on August 5<sup>th</sup>, the top speed recorded in February it was **60 mph**.

The SID is now on Wembdon Hill and will be moved again on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 09:15.

The SpeedWatch team met recently on Wembdon Hill, catching 3 drivers in excess of 36 mph. Their details have been passed to the police.



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## Next Parish Council Meeting

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm online via ZOOM**

*The public are warmly invited to attend*

If you would like to virtually attend please email the Parish Clerk,  
[clerk@wembdon.org](mailto:clerk@wembdon.org) at least 5 working days before the 14<sup>th</sup> September to  
request a ZOOM invite

## Parish Councillor contacts

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**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 945am-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

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