

Wembdon Parish Paper

Edition 12



Connecting with our community



Please join us for this year's Parish Assembly.
Everyone is welcome, details within.
We look forward to seeing you. ☺

Latest News.

WPC clerk is now employed to work for us for 14hrs / week to meet the increase demand in work and duties required.

We have now been able to improve some of the footpaths around the village including the paths from Wares Lane to Greenacre and connecting paths from Greenacre to Great Oaks, to facilitate pedestrian access around Wembdon.

The new bin has now been installed at the allotments and will hopefully solve the litter problem up there. Thank you to those volunteering to empty it.

Some maintenance work is due to be carried out on the swings in the playing fields. Unfortunately vandalism to the spring-seesaw in the under 6's area has resulted in this being removed for safety. It will be replaced asap but at a cost of £295 to WPC. Please help us ensure these items are properly used. 😊

Damage to the noticeboard at Positano Way has necessitated new glass being installed at a cost of £98.40 to WPC.

The phone box in the village has now been refurbished and cleaned. Despite our requests to the contrary, BT have declined to remove it but agree to clean and maintain it regularly. Please let us know if you have any problems with it.

WPC declined the offer of a bus shelter on Homberg Way in the direction of travel towards Hinkley Point only as the offer required WPC to take over all maintenance costs following installation. It was felt that the financial implications of this may extend beyond WPC capacity. No offer was made for a shelter in the other direction of travel.

WPC continues to liaise with the Highways department at Somerset County Council regarding speeding in the village. Recent data show 93.5% of vehicles on the NDR exceeded the speed limit of 30mph. This is of considerable concern to WPC and representatives from Highways have been invited to attend a WPC meeting to discuss measures to improve this.

In response to Somerset County Council's bus service consultation, WPC gave full support to maintaining local bus routes serving the village. However it was felt that contributing to funding the bus service extended beyond the remit and resources of the parish council.

The bench on Wembdon Hill has fallen into disrepair and is to be replaced.

A diversion order has now been obtained to safely re-route the public footpath, currently across the playing fields, to the perimeter whilst work continues on the Village Hall and recreational ground.

The access gate to the allotments track is now locked from dusk until dawn. This has significantly reduced the anti-social behaviour reported in the area.

A recent police report for the area highlighted a number of low level crimes affecting residents of Wembdon. These included shed and garage break-ins, vandalism and minor thefts. Whilst these may be "low level" it causes considerable distress and inconvenience to those affected so we wish to highlight this and encourage residents to be vigilant and secure their properties.

Allotments

All plots are currently taken and we are operating a waiting list for future growers.

Priority will continue to be given to Wembdon residents

The Parish Council determined to leave rents unchanged this year.

Happy harvesting! ☺



Wembdon Parish Council

Precept for 2015/16

A Parish Council receives a small amount, (the “precept”) of the local Council Tax.

Funds from central government to District and County Councils are capped. It is likely that these councils will not receive the funding required to maintain all the services that they currently provide to communities. However, the introduction of the Localism Act means that your parish council can decide to spend money to benefit the local community.

In recent years Wembdon Parish Council precept contributions have been utilised to:

- Provide, and improve on, allotments.
- Improve and maintain footpaths
- Purchase of benches
- Maintain play equipment
- Update the Parish website
- Publication of Parish Magazine
- Contribute to the school crossing patrol
- Installation & emptying of litter and dog mess bins
- Purchase of salt bins
- Grass and hedge cutting, and general maintenance.

We have calculated a precept for 2015/16 of £60,330, an increase of £11,950 compared to the previous year. This equates to an increase of 0.74p per month for a band D property. As a Council, we are committed to maintain, improve and develop our parish to provide a clean and safe environment for everyone. We hope as a resident you share our views, and understand and support the financial requirements involved in improving our community.

We welcome feedback from our parishioners. Council Meetings are open to the public and are held on the third Monday of every month. Alternatively any enquiries can be made via the Parish Clerk, Tony Jay at wembdonpc@gmail.com or 07741461982.

Parish Assembly: 16th March 7:00pm

Purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is so that the Parish Council can explain what it has been doing over the last year and it enables the electors to have their say on anything they consider is important to the people of the Parish. This year we have invited local clubs, societies, voluntary and statutory organisations to speak about the work of their group or provide an exhibition.

Who can attend the meeting?

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of all the local government electors for the Parish, which the public can participate in. It is NOT a Meeting of the Parish Council. Anyone may attend but only registered electors of Wembdon Parish may speak and vote.

Will I be able to ask questions and make suggestions?

Yes, any registered elector may ask questions of the Council, which will usually be answered by the Chair-person, the Clerk to the Council, or a designated Councillor. An elector may also make suggestions and comment on anything pertinent to the people of Wembdon. This will be welcomed and is the whole purpose of the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there so please join us for a drink and a cake, to find out more about Wembdon Village. ☺

Wembdon Community Bus. Organised by St. George's church.

Did you know that a mini bus takes Wembdon villagers to Morrison's supermarket every Friday for a weekly shop? The mini bus supports anyone who struggles with their shopping. Our driver picks you up and returns you to your door. There are a team of 'escorts' to support anyone who needs help with mobility. We have about 5 or 6 villagers at present and they really appreciate the support and the chance to socialise. There is no charge but a donation is appreciated - most donate £3/trip. We have space for 5 or 6 more and would love to hear from you. **Ring me, Neil Harrison on 01278 457549 for a chat or call Sue and Tom Dempsey on 01278 423095.**



Before and After! A big improvement!



Wembdon Community Association (WCA).



Despite the appalling weather at the 2014 Wembdon Village Day that resulted in substantial financial losses for the Wembdon Community Association the WCA members have refused to become disheartened and have battled on with tremendous support from the local community resulting in a good number of successful events over the past few months. In October the Senior Citizens were treated to a fun afternoon of Free Prize Bingo followed by light refreshments and a raffle. This was not a fund raising event but the total costs were covered by a raffle and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Later that month we were treated to the Annual Spectacular Firework Display that was very well supported on a clear and dry evening by the local community who's gasps and shouts of joy were evidence that the evening was enjoyed by all. Despite the high cost of this professionally fired event of over £2100.00 a small profit was achieved for only the second time on record confirming it as a great success. On the evening of Friday 19th December the WCA joined forces with Wembdon St. George's Church in organising "Carol Singing in the Village", an opportunity to share the spirit of Christmas around the community. A very enjoyable evening that was supported by a large number from the village and accompanied by talented local musicians. On Saturday 10th January our Senior Citizens were treated to their Annual Christmas Lunch at the Parish Centre. A substantial three course lunch was served by Windsor Catering whilst the wine waiters of the WCA served wine and soft drinks to their worthy guests. Thanks must go to the Trustees of the Sir Bartholomew Mitchell's Charity who kindly donated £200 towards the cost of this year's event. Needless to say, after the wine and festivities everyone left the hall with a smile on their face. Most recently was a very successful Quiz Night, enjoyed by eighteen teams who supplied their own refreshments whilst delving into the grey matter to become 2015 WCA Quiz Champions. This year that honour belongs to "The Seagull Has Landed" who took the trophy at the end of the evening with an impressive score. During these events the WCA has run three raffles resulting in a total profit of just under £375 and would like to thank everyone who has supported us by buying tickets.

These events would not be possible without the support of the village and the hard work put in by the members of the WCA. Over the past year we have been lucky enough to recruit a number of new hard working members to whom we are very grateful for their input and new ideas. However, we have also lost valued and dedicated members through bereavement and relocation. We are always looking for new ideas and new members so if you have a bit of time on your hands and would like to help your local community through fund raising and community events (and it is fun) please do not be afraid to come forward by contacting one of our committee members, even if only to make enquiries or share ideas, we will be grateful.

Contact: Graham Grief 01278 - 457973

Wembdon "Give-A-Day"

In our edition before Christmas, we organised another 'give-a-day' to begin the long slog to 'tame' the 9 acres of land behind our new village hall (how brilliant is it to see the contractors on site and up and running!!). We planted 100's of new daffodil bulbs, kindly donated by SDC, on the Liddel land and began clearing the overgrown area that used to be owned by Persimmon. It was great to see families involved in the planting and I can't wait to see the first flowers come through. The ground clearance was really hard but the effect was astonishing – we uncovered pieces of land not seen for years.

About 24 villagers gave up their time and this was the best turn out ever. Now we need another session to begin to tackle the copses of trees that are completely overrun with huge brambles. Sooooo – this is an invitation to help on our next 'Give-a-Day'.

Saturday 7th March 2015. Please join us from 10.00am.

You will need old clothes, heavy duty gloves, secateurs, long-arm cutters and, if possible, strong wire cutters to remove old fencing from around each copse. A wheelbarrow or two would help. If you can give an hour or two, it would be appreciated, though the site will be manned throughout the day. Some of the copses are surrounded by water so perhaps a pair of wellies too! I will put up the tarpaulin 'poster' across the bridge from the NDR to remind you of the date a few days before the 7th March.

Let's look forward to another successful day. Best wishes, Neil.

Wembdon Village Hall & Playing Fields Project Progress.

Excavations continue:

The wildlife pond is now complete and filling with water. Preparation for the stoned sub-base and piling mat are well underway in the hall and carpark areas. Follow us for weekly updates at www.wembdonvillagehall.co.uk Facebook: The Green Wembdon



News from Sedgemoor District Council, Cllrs Ann Bown & Ian Dyer

- Some of the items over the last year Sedgemoor District Council has accomplished for the residents of Sedgemoor.
 - £100 million of public sector investment in Sedgemoor with the new Hospital and Police HQ opening.
 - After five years of campaigning, Sedgemoor District Council managed to change government policy on community benefit. Communities in and around Hinkley Point C site will stand to gain upwards of £128 million.
 - Over £250 million of investment in housing, including 330 affordable homes - by working with the Homes and Community Agency and other organisations.
 - The new swimming pool and café at Trinity Sports and Leisure opened in the spring of 2013. New Facilities include a 6 lane pool, training pool, café, spectator seating and fitness facilities. The emphasis will be on many different flexible uses of the pool to provide accessible activities for the young, elderly, disabled, competitive and social swimmers alike.
 - Responding to the worst floods in living memory and helping householders get back into their Homes after months under water.
 - Helping to prevent youth homelessness – last year around 60 young people became homeless or were at risk of becoming homeless in Sedgemoor.
 - Economic Activity rates in Sedgemoor are up, reaching 85% at the end of 2013, that's higher than the national and regional averages.
 - 2,000+ new jobs created in Sedgemoor area by being a pro-business authority.
 - We are also the lowest council tax in the County, whilst still delivering jobs and growth into Sedgemoor.
 - Sedgemoor District Council continues to support the work of local community groups through the awarding of various grants – in 2013/14, 49 grants with a total value of £57,472 were awarded to organisations.
 - During 2013 Sedgemoor attended 7 “Sedgemoor on the Road” events, all of which were well attended. Display boards, and information leaflets were taken to each event to offer help and advice on accessing Council services.
 - The Council collects 98.0% of the Council Tax owed, which is above the national average of 97.4%.
 - 100% of Lifeline emergency callouts arrived at the property with 45 mins.

School Traffic Plan Update.

With our school extension now underway we are, and have been, very conscious of the traffic problems immediately outside the school and further into Inwood Estate. As our pupil numbers increase so the traffic issues will become more prominent and as a result we are involved in regular meetings with the County Council, Highways, the Parish Council, the PCO, Parents, Governors, Sustrans and The Bridgwater Way in order to try and find ways forward to alleviate the congestion and improve safety for all involved.

Highways and the County Council are supporting us with plans to improve the road markings along Brantwood Road and outside school. Our School Council have written to all parents with their concerns and are in the process of writing to our local residents to explain what is happening in school.

Sustrans have helped us to develop a robust travel plan and they have worked with children in school to encourage safe walking and cycling. With their help we will be conducting travel and speed surveys of traffic in Brantwood Road. We continually work to inform parents of the importance of safe and courteous driving and parking through regular newsletters. Educating our parents is vital and working together we will make a difference for our school and the community.

Advert

No content yet!

TRAINING

DATES

2015



All winter training in February and March held Indoors at Haygrove School.

Summer outdoor training starts in April Tuesday (Juniors) Thursday (Men) at Wembdon Cricket Club, Chilton Street.

SENIOR MENS CRICKET

SUNDAY 8TH, 15TH, 22ND FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH MARCH

2.30PM—4PM

BOYS & GIRLS CRICKET

UNDER 15 (School Yr 9 & 10) - **SATURDAY 3PM-4.30PM**

UNDER 13 (School Yr 7 & 8) - **SATURDAY 4.30PM-6PM**

U9 & U11 (School Yr Rec - 6) - **SUNDAY 1PM-2.30PM**

Saturday - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Feb & 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March

Sunday - 8th, 15th, 22nd Feb & 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March

LADIES CRICKET

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

**NEED MORE
INFORMATION?**

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Coming Soon..... one number to contact Sedgemoor District Council. A single 03 number will replace the existing 0845 numbers for all telephone enquiries. The new number will be publicised by Sedgemoor District Council in March once it has "gone live". 0845 numbers will continue to operate alongside the 03 number for 12 months.



Know Your Parish Councillors.



Mike Solomon, Julia Riddle, Neil Harrison, Anne Reed, Lorraine Burge, Tom Thayer & Joanna Jackson represent Wembdon Wembdon ward. Terry Thake, Dan Bingham & Jason Woods represent Wembdon Victoria ward



Defibrillation Trained Adults Contact Numbers



Neil Harrison (Parish Councillor) tel: 457549

Chrissie Melhuish (Cottage Inn) tel: 07929085306

Hazel Percy (Opp Post Office) tel: 07816865178

Esther Thayer (Wares Lane) tel: 07967822954

Jo Sellick (Blakes Rd) tel: 07938068840

Community

Policing

Call **101** for non-emergency & anti-social incidents.

Call **999** for life threatening events.



Wembdon Post Office

and Stores.



Don't forget – we now supply lottery products!



Opening hours 5am-9pm
Mon-Sun (except B/H's)

Parish Centre.

For Parish Centre bookings, information and enquiries contact

Pat Bright
(01278)457760



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email: wembdonpc@gmail.com

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Post: Mr Tony Jay, 40 Griffen Road, Weston super Mare, North
Somerset, BS24 7HQ

Phone: 07741 461982

Diary Dates – NB: change of date for WPC mtg in March.

Parish Assembly: 16th March 2015 @ 7pm

WPC mtg: 23rd March 2015

Local Elections: 7th May 2015

**WPC mtg: 3rd Monday of the month. This may be subject to
change, notification via 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: Opening hours Mon-Sun 5:00am – 9:00pm (except Bank Holidays) 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

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

Brownies: Leader Carol Jarman tel: 01278 445268

Guides: Leader Marilyn Hellier tel: 07946 479 899

Cricket club: Email: wembdoncricket@gmail.com

Youth Team Co-ordinator – Dan Bingham tel: 07841 013 128

Senior Cricket, pavilion hire, sponsorship & enquiries - Dan Bingham

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

Wembdon Ladies: Ann Collett tel: 01278 451187

Wembdon Toddlers: Thurs 10am-12noon Dawn Brett tel: 01278 422809

Ladies keep Fit: Mon 10:00am-11:00am Viv Tolcher tel: 01278 424491

Art Group: Tues 10:00am-12:30pm Kay Robbins tel: 01278 423212

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

U3A Bridge: Thurs 1:45pm Ernie Whitehead tel: 01278 424134

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