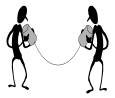


Wembdon Parish Paper

Edition 15



Connecting with our community



What is the future for The Cottage Inn, Wembdon?

Is this an Asset of Community Value? Let us know your thoughts,
do you want to be involved?

Latest News:

The condition of Moores Lane had been brought to the council's attention. When previously assessed by Highways it had not been considered a safety risk, following further communication from WPC this has now been repaired.

The land previously referred to as the Persimmon Land has now been re-named Wembdon Park Land.

The Police Report records an increased number of burglaries in Wembdon. Please be vigilant to secure your property, doors and windows.

The fallen tree in the playing fields has been tidied up and made safe.

The dog waste bin at the lower end of the playing fields has been relocated to the other side of the bridge for dog walkers convenience.

The Council determined that the benches in the playing fields are appropriately located to take advantage of the views across the playing fields on completion of the current work.

Recent anti-social graffiti around the village has been removed & cleaned up.

Refresher training for the residents supporting the village defibrillator facility is available. Thank you to those who offer their time for this valuable resource.

We have three new volunteers for the Speed Watch Team, which is excellent news. Many thanks to those supporting this initiative. Please get in touch, via the clerk, if you are able to offer a few hours to join them.

The over-growth along Homberg Way footpath and cycleway has been noted. WPC do not have direct authority to cut this but are communicating with the relevant authorities to improve it.

Residents are politely requested not to throw garden vegetation over their boundary fences / hedges where they border a footpath please!

The Cottage Inn

As many of you will no doubt be aware, our only village pub, The Cottage Inn has been put up for sale by owners Wadworths Brewery. The present landlady Chrissie Melhuish is due to leave in early November.

On Monday August 17th the Parish Council called an emergency meeting, held at the Parish Centre, to discuss whether to proceed with an application to have the pub listed as an Asset of Community Value. The meeting, which was attended by a large number of parishioners, voted overwhelmingly to pursue this course of action by submitting an application to Sedgemoor District Council. The outcome is not known at the time of writing this article, so please see local press for the outcome. Full details of what might be involved, should the Council be successful in their bid, can best be found online at various sources by searching for "Community Rights and the Localism Act."

The Parish Council will keep a very close watch on future proceedings, in an effort to ensure the village keeps and supports The Cottage Inn. We would take this opportunity to thank Chrissie for her efforts during the past 4 years and wish her every success and happiness for the future.

Dear All

It seems that most people are now aware that I will be leaving the Cottage Inn in the early days of November this year.

I would just like to say a big thank you to regulars and friends that have supported us here at the pub over the last, almost, four years. Thank you for your friendship through very difficult personal upheavals and thank you for your regular visits here... I will truly miss everyone and our diverse conversations, peppered with belly aching laughter. It is just amazing and wonderful that there are people in the world that can be so understanding and caring.

*Thank you, thank you so much
With warm good wishes,*

Chrissie Melhuish



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Calling anyone interested in discussing organising a club, group or activity in the new village hall. The main hall has a sprung floor and access to full catering kitchen. The main hall can be divided into two smaller spaces by acoustic screens. In addition the community lounge is available and a licensed bar can be provided for both rooms. Hire costs plus terms and conditions will be available in October. The committee are looking to take block bookings in the first instance, for activities to commence in April 2016 subject to build completion being on schedule. To make an enquiry email info@wembdonvillagehall.co.uk or call **07594 299533** (temporary number until landline installed).





The Green
Wembdon

“ A Village Hall, Sports Ground and Open Space ”

‘buy a brick’
It’s back and it’s the
last chance

In recent weeks, especially since Wembdon Village Day, many families from the community have asked could they still ‘buy a brick’. Wembdon Village Hall & Playing Field Trust will run the initiative one final time enabling locals to leave a legacy or remember lost ones. Funds generated will go towards furniture, cutlery and crockery etc. Now is also the time to approach the committee regards memorial benches and trees for the village green. The initiative remains £25 per brick. Detach and return the slip below as stated. All donors unless opting out will be commemorated in the new building.

Name

Address.....

Email.....

Name or message

Number of Bricks _____ Amount of Donation £ _____ Gift Aid It (tick)

Cheques payable to ‘WEMBDON VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS TRUST’,

Post to: 21 Crossacre, Wembdon TA6 7RN. Enquiries: 07594 299533 (Dan)

Village Day 2015.

Oh dear a soggy start again!

Despite that the WCA committee and a huge group of supporters set up the village day attractions, flower show, BBQ, bunting and the rain ceased. Then despite grey clouds the loyal locals, extended families in tow trudged and slipped around the field, hit coconuts and crockery on the Common, sat outside enjoying tea and cakes listening to the band and were amazed by a giant marrow, stunning flowers and the talent of locals in the Flower Show exhibits. The presentation of cups and trophies is always special, preceded by the most hilarious auction of flower show produce, don't move or blink or the giant leek is yours!

Congratulations to all those winners of cups, trophies and prizes. Grateful thanks to all those who supported the event, a huge thank you to all those who contributed in any way to make it happen. A total of approximately £1800 was raised some transactions still to be finalised. Looking forward to seeing you next year, please put in a booking now for sunshine. Many thanks – WCA.

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Wembdon Community 'Give-a-Day' October 3rd 2015.

After another successful day on Saturday 27th June it is time to prepare for the next session on our new Parish land. About 22 adults and a handful of youngsters attended in June and it was brilliant to see a number of new faces offering their help. We have almost finished the first field nearest to Oak Apple Drive and we anticipate moving nearer to the new Village Hall next.

A number of regular helpers are a little disappointed to have to wait 3 months between each work day and would like to initiate a once a month schedule. SO, I would like to suggest that after our next 'Give-a-Day' on Oct 3rd we meet on the first Sat of each month starting in November. This gives us: - Nov 7th & Dec 6th

We would appreciate help from anyone in the village who cares about Wembdon and who is available to give a couple of hours or so to help develop and improve a large area of 'scrub' land that has been untouched for about 25 yrs. If you walk down the Wares Lane footpath, it is the land to the left and right of the path as you approach Homberg Way. The work is hard, as it involves cutting long, thick brambles and overgrown copses of trees and shrubs. But it is great fun and an ideal way to meet like-minded people from the village. Any tools for cutting and any strimmers are a real help and you will need to wear old clothes and bring strong gloves.

Look out for the large advertising poster on the bridge at the end of Wares Lane. If you would like to talk to someone then please ring me on 457549. Many thanks – Neil Harrison.

ADOPT A FOOTPATH IN WEMBDON.

Somerset County Council are putting forward this scheme to encourage parishioners to 'adopt' a footpath in their Parish and to then give some free time to maintain the path. As footpath liaison officer for Wembdon, I was a little apprehensive about this scheme as it seems that SCC is passing on its responsibility for the upkeep of footpaths in Somerset. However, I am an optimist, not a cynic, and I can see some good coming out of this.

There is already a small team of adults who have adopted the Wares Lane footpath and have been overseeing massive improvements over the last 6 months. They can be seen cutting, weeding and generally organising the clearing of this footpath 2 or more times per week and the improvement is nothing short of astonishing. They enjoy their collective input and appreciate the positive comments from all who regularly use that footpath. Could it spread to other footpaths in our Parish – WHY NOT!!! I have included a footpath map of Wembdon and am asking for anyone interested in 'adopting' one of our footpaths to get in touch with me so that I can co-ordinate our Parish response. How exciting is that??

Any downsides? I met one of the helpers in Wares Lane today (11th Aug) and she was distraught that garden rubbish had been tipped over an 8ft fence onto the footpath from residents in Oak Apple Drive. I am shocked that anyone would do this and would ask that it stops immediately.

Let's take up the challenge and help make our Parish footpaths lovely places to walk. Neil Harrison.

A letter from EDF. The contact telephone number is free phone 0800 0969650

Dear Resident

Improving the Roundabout at Sandford Hill

We installed a new roundabout on the A39 in 2014 to replace a sharp bend where accidents occurred. The roundabout has made this section of the A39 safer.

The roundabout has worn in a way that wasn't envisaged and needs to be altered to install new, more prominent kerbs, to make it even safer.

We plan to start in mid-September and expect the work will take 4 weeks to complete.

To maintain safety whilst the work is underway two way traffic lights will be in operation on the A39 and Sandford Hill road and Charlynch lane will be closed where they join the roundabout. Access to properties will be maintained.

We've worked hard with Somerset County Council on a solution that will last and have planned the work in a way that keeps restrictions to a minimum.

Aggregate Industries will be undertaking the work on our behalf. Standard working hours are 07:30-18:30 Monday–Friday, but there may be some activity on Saturdays and outside of these hours.

Attached to this letter is a map that explains the planned traffic restrictions. We're sorry for inconvenience this work may cause.

If you would like to find out more about the improvements or have any questions, please make contact using any of the details below.

Yours faithfully

Ross Edwards

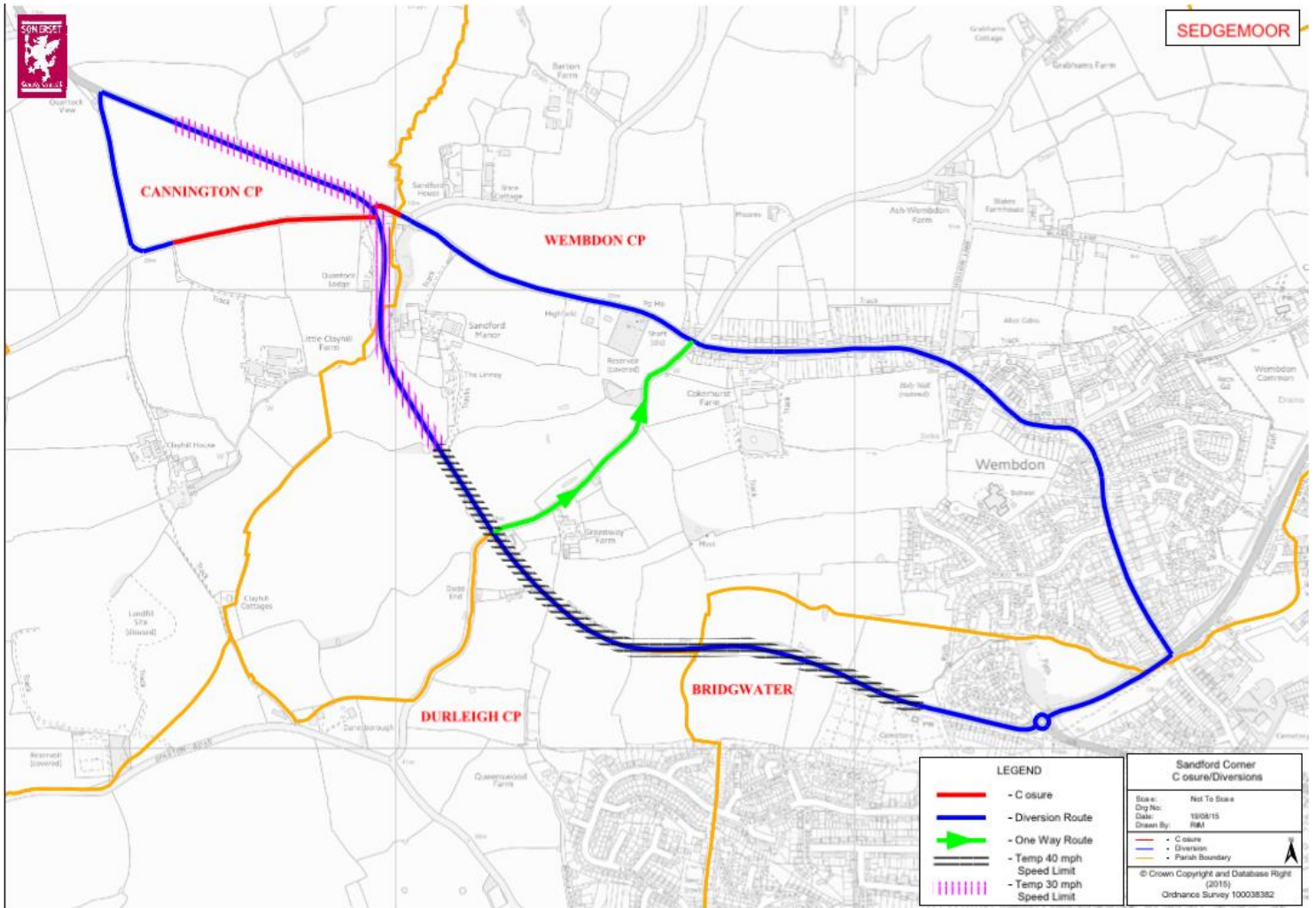
Community Relations Manager Hinkley Point C

Contact details:

- EDF Energy Visitor Centre: Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater, TA6 3TQ
Open 9:30am-4pm Mon-Fri 9:30am-1pm on Saturday
- Email: Hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com
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Why is this work necessary when the new roundabout is only a year old? It is standard practice that when road improvements are made they have a 12 month warranty period to enable them to be 'road tested', before the Highway Authority adopts the new infrastructure. EDF Energy are enhancing the roundabout as part of the warranty. The new roundabout is already making the road safer. EDF Energy and SCC have worked together on the enhancements.

Who is responsible for the design and was it wrong? EDF Energy are responsible for the new roundabout as part of a £16 million package of road improvements that will become operational before main construction begins for Hinkley Point C. EDF Energy contracted independent, professional design consultants, White Young Green, who produced a design that conformed with national and local standards and was accepted by the Highway Authority. The enhancements that are planned will ensure the roundabout continues to be a major safety improvement for this part of the A39.

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-  One Way Route
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-  Temp 30mph speed limit



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News from the Allotments.....

Did you know that Wembdon has 32 full-sized allotment plots with fantastic views overlooking the Bristol Channel? The Parish Council has allowed half-sized plots to be let long before *Charlie Dimmock* caused controversy by suggesting that allotments be carved up to allow more people to grow their own vegetables. This proactive approach has ensured that any waiting list time is minimized.

On a personal note, this has been my first summer after taking on a plot in April, having waited for about 6 months I was offered the chance and took it without hesitation. In that time I've managed to start to get to grips with the plot, planting as I cleared the ground. So far, a productive first year, and very pleased to win 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes at Village Day! Ralph Bilton (Best Allotment) and Cyril Moate (Best Grower) continue to set the standards. I've also been surprised by the social aspect and have been welcomed by 30 new 'neighbours', all offering sound advice and tips, as well as swapping seeds, plants and surplus veg. For me it's not just about the healthy home grown food but also about the chance to enjoy being outdoors, bathed in morning sunshine there are few better places to be.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact us, we expect some plots to be available in the very near future. – Cllr Jason Woods –

<http://wembdon.org>



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Wembdon Community Association

Annual Firework Display SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2015

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FIREWORK DISPLAY AT 6.45.

Admission - Adults £2.00 - Children £1.00 –
Family Ticket - £5.00 for 2 adults and up to 3 children.

Hot dogs, soup, crisps, drinks available from 6.00pm.

Please walk if at all possible.

(No sparklers or personal fireworks allowed on the field.)

Local history - as recounted by a Wembdon resident:

50 YEARS AGO!

In 1965 fifty years ago some members of Wembdon's Ladies' Group helped to establish the Wembdon Playgroup which opened on November 16th 1965 in the old church hall on Orchard Lane.

The secretary was Mrs. Doris Turner who lived next door to the hall at 1, Vicars Lane. Her husband used to help to get the room ready and help to put away at the end of the morning. The chairman was June Napthine who lived in one of the large houses on Wembdon Rise and the supervisor was Meg Hanney from Church Road.

The children of many families in Wembdon and nearby attended. Those in the very early days included Anne and Ian Harding, Sarah Hankinson, Michael James, Tracey Homer, Jill Pemberton, Michael Tongue and Ian Bartlett. Mrs. Beryl Tasker joined the playgroup as supervisor a few months later.

Before long Wembdon Playgroup was open for five mornings a week.

Later Pam Woodley became supervisor for a number of years. The playgroup held Christmas Parties, Jumble Sales, fashion shows and many other fund raising activities.

The playgroup cleared the small space outside the hall between the hall and the Turner's house to use as an outside area-not very big or convenient.

Wembdon Playgroup moved from Orchard Lane hall, now demolished, to the Parish Centre after it was opened by Wembdon Church in 1993.

Later Wembdon Playgroup became Wembdon Sunshiners who now celebrate 50 years of using St. George's premises on 16th November 2015. They were the first playgroup in the area followed shortly afterwards by Cannington.

It would be good to hear more of life at the playgroup in the early days. Any memories please.....Contact the Parish Council or Pat Bright 457760.

Wembdon St. George's C of E VC Primary School

Welcome to the first article about Wembdon St. George's School. I am extremely proud to be Acting Head of a wonderful school and I hope you find the information in these articles interesting and informative.

The start of a new academic year saw us say goodbye to Reverend David Hatrey who has been Head Teacher for the last 15 years. On Wednesday the school celebrated with the official opening of the new double storey extension which comprises 4 classrooms, a group teaching room, toilets and disabled facilities. The building has been dedicated to Des Smith who gave many years of service to the school. Reverend David Hatrey led a service of dedication and a plaque was unveiled and a ribbon cut by Chris Smith. It was wonderful to share this occasion with so many invited guests who have had a connection with Wembdon St. George's over the years. A tour of the new building followed, firstly with the adults and then all the children in the school. The new classrooms are being occupied by our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who I think feel very special and grown up in their new surroundings.

The new staff car park is nearly finished and there will be more facilities for children to store the bicycles and scooters. We will continue to encourage more families to walk to school and we are constantly monitoring road safety.

Our reception children have started their induction into school and all our year groups have settled in well. Our Year 6 children go on camp to Shropshire on the 14th September. This is a wonderful week full of exciting and challenging activities – let's hope the weather is kind to them.

Our school is a very important part of the community and there are lots of exciting times ahead for both the staff and pupils. I would like to share our mission statement with you:

“Shining together to be the best we can be for God and for each other.”

Judith Heale. (Acting Head Teacher)



A note From Wembdon St. George's Church.

Todd Mallonee.

The new Assistant Minister at St George's Church, Wembdon.



He began his ministry in the UK by serving at Duke Street Church in Richmond-upon-Thames from September 2009 to July 2015. Todd sees his role at St George's is to serve as Ed's "right hand" by encouraging the church through discipleship, prayer and word ministry as well as equipping the saints and developing and building up the work with children, parents and local schools.

He is enthusiastic, positive, team minded and a good listener. He refined his passion for nurturing, reaching, training and equipping the church with the grace and truth of Christ while pursuing his Masters in Divinity at Covenant Seminary in St Louis, Missouri. It was also in Seminary where Todd met, courted and married his bride and best friend in the world, Kristen.

Todd's training is as a pastor, which complements his warmth and social giftedness. He is from the United States where he served on the full-time staff of two churches. In both churches, he served as their Children's Worker. Todd has grown and matured in fifteen years of ministry and sees St George's Wembdon as a new chapter to further broaden and enrich his ministry for the glory of Christ alone.

In August 2015, Todd celebrated fourteen years of marriage to his wife, Kristen and together they have three boys, Ethan (aged 10) and Timothy (aged 7) and Andrew (aged 2). For fun, Todd enjoys swimming for fitness and watching and discussing various films. He also appreciates history and architecture but time together with family is his delight.

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Wembdon Parish Council Meeting – 3rd Monday of the month
(may be subject to change of date and venue).

Community Give-A-Day - 3rd October, 7th November, 6th
December.

Autumn Craft Fayre - Parish Centre – 17th October 2-4:30pm.

WCA Fireworks Display – 31st October.

WCA AGM – 19th November.

WCA Beetle Drive – 28th November.

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WEMBDON CRICKET CLUB

End of Season Update 2015



(Pictured Wembdon Junior Award Winners 2015)

As another cricket season draws to a close Wembdon CC can look back on a successful season on and off the pitch. On the pitch the 1stXI have secured a promotion into the WEPL 3rd Tier by finishing in the top 4 whilst the Sunday League side won Division A. Our popular and thriving junior section continues to expand with around 20 girls and 100+ juniors aged 4-16. Wembdon were crowned Somerset Village Cup Champions and our Wembdon Renegades (U19 T20) side reached the county finals day in Weston Super Mare. The Under 11 A side managed to complete the whole league campaign undefeated and our Ladies team led the way in the county by opting to play pairs cricket which has gone down well with opposition. The club recently embarked on a Grand Draw well supported by the community raising £830 whilst a sponsored walk has been planned for September 13th. Funds are being raised to help purchase necessary items such as scoreboards, mowers, boundary rope and sight screens ready for the move into the heart of the village.

If anyone could help with the above through grants or sponsorship we would be delighted to hear from you. Wembdon CC recently held its youth presentation and the Senior Dinner will be at Bar27 on September 25th. Wembdon Cricket Club transition to their new home will be split between 2016 and 2017. Wembdon CC is delighted with the progress being made and cannot wait to use the facility next Spring/Summer.

Wembdon Committee - wembdoncricket@gmail.com - @wembdoncc

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Post: Tony Jay, Wembdon Parish Council Clerk, c/o Banwell Village Hall, Westfield Road, Banwell, North Somerset. BS29 6BS
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Know your Parish Councillors:

Mike Solomon, Neil Harrison, Julia Riddle, Anne Reed, Richard Webber, David Gliddon & Joanna Jackson represent Wembdon-Wembdon ward. Terry Thake, Dan Bingham & Jason Woods continue to represent Wembdon-Victoria ward.

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!

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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 Sunshiners Pre-school: Jen Hillier tel: 01278 457100

Ladies keep Fit: Mon 9:45am-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 Stitches: - Vanessa Leighton tel: 01278 662977

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