

**Wembdon Parish Paper** Edition 21

# YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

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**THE SURVEY THAT WILL SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE**

**DEADLINE 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**

## **News in brief:**

The Parish Council has received a presentation from The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Current information is available on the Wembdon Parish Council website and fliers were distributed to every accessible household in the parish.

WPC Chair, Mike Solomon attended and spoke on behalf of the Parish Council at the Hearing on the Sedgemoor Area Local Plan, and specifically regarding the Cokerhurst development.

Residents' concerns regarding street sweeping have been forwarded to Clean Surrounds SDC. When dates are scheduled they will endeavour to notify WPC and these will be posted on the website /social media pages. Moving vehicles off the roads at these times will improve the accessibility and ensure a better result.

The condition of Blake's Lane, Moore's Lane, and Hollow Lane has been highlighted to SCC highways department. Pedestrians, cyclists, riders and four legged friends are encouraged to wear hi-vis clothing when using the lanes, for everyone's safety.

The dropped kerb at Hollow Lane is work in progress.

All repairs to the children's play equipment have been completed. Quotes are being considered to provide accessible play equipment to enhance our children's enjoyment.

The allotment track has been repaired.

The street lighting issues along Wembdon Hill have been resolved and each light now has its own sensor so they will not all go out at the same time and respond according to the natural light.

Extensive footpath improvements are now in progress and will include lighting where this is feasible and financially viable. Land ownership needs to be considered in this.

Parish Council meetings are now being held in the Village Hall on the second Monday of the month – although this may be subject to change. Everyone is welcome.

**Contact Wembdon Parish Council** [www.wembdon.org](http://www.wembdon.org) email: [wembdonpc@gmail.com](mailto:wembdonpc@gmail.com)

Visit our Facebook page Wembdon parish council.



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A Village Hall, Sports Ground and Open Space  
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**Wembdon Village Hall** - a unique venue for all your special events, situated at The Green Wembdon with Views from the terrace of parkland, sports fields Wembdon Common, Church & Wembdon Hill.

There is a large and small hall available, fully stocked bar, commercial kitchen, ample parking with easy access from the NDR. We have successfully held family parties and celebrations, weddings, dances, dinners, funeral wakes, Christening parties, conferences and meetings.

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Commercial charges, hourly rates and additional information for booking and availability, can be found at [www.wembdonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.wembdonvillagehall.co.uk)  
Hall Office open every Wednesday evening 6-8 pm.

### **Village Hall Schedule currently includes:**

**Sunday:** Eagle Mountain Church 10am - 1pm

**Monday:** In-Line Dancing 7.30pm

**Tuesday:** Pulmonary Rehabilitation a.m. Zumba 7pm - 8pm

**Wednesday:** Slimming World 5.30pm & 7.30pm

**Thursday:** Pulmonary Rehabilitation a.m.

Music Bus 1pm - 3pm. Insanity 6pm - 7pm. Zumba 7pm - 8pm

**Friday:** Cardio Rehab 9.30am - 10.45am. Pilates 11am - 12noon

We have lots of new and exciting booking coming up so please check the website for more information.



*This month we have recorded instances of drivers going at 60 mph, with 2 of these recorded just yards from the zebra crossing.*

WEMBDON'S Speed Indicator Device has been in operation now for 8 months. Locations have been selected according to known speeding hot-spots and has been backed up with the support of the police speed enforcement officers, who have been issuing speeding fines. We have used 5 locations so far: 3 on Wembdon Hill, Church Rd & Wembdon Rise.

*We must take responsibility ourselves to change this – are you one of these drivers?*

The 30 mph “Gateway” to the village has been moved further back towards Cannington. Plans are now being considered to reduce the speed limit from 60 mph to 40 mph from the Sandford roundabout to the 30-mph sign; also, the same 40 mph limit will soon be introduced along Skimmerton Lane and on the A39 approaching Greenway Garage.

*Another concern has been the increase of drivers spotted using mobile phones whilst driving through the village.*

**Using a handheld mobile device while driving is illegal. Driving while distracted is dangerous to you and other road users.**



**Saying you didn't know is ~~no~~ excuse**

**Penalties for using a handheld mobile device while driving:**

**6 points** on your licence and a **£200** fine

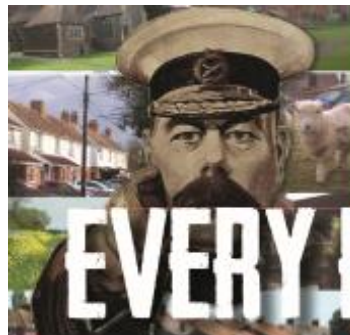
**Give-an-Hour (or 2!).** Our team has gradually reduced in numbers but we now have a really committed group of 8-10 who have done some excellent work at the end of last year in front of the Village Hall. We planted daffodil bulbs on either side of the new path from the park into Crossacre last week, in pouring rain!! Our new system of communication is via email so if anyone is able to join us in this new year then please email me at [N.Harrison@wembdon.org](mailto:N.Harrison@wembdon.org) I can add you to my group and you will get information about future work and a warm welcome. Thank you! 😊 😊

**ALLOTMENTS UPDATE:** It's that time of year again when early spring makes us want to get outdoors, maybe into the garden. There are 3 or 4 allotments available to rent and it would be good to allocate them as we prepare for the new financial year. Contact me via email at [N.Harrison@wembdon.org](mailto:N.Harrison@wembdon.org) if you are interested. Our allotment AGM has been fixed for 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm for current and new allotment holders. We will be meeting for the first time in our new Village Hall.



### **WHY PUT YOUR DOG IN KENNELS.....?**

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# THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

# EVERY RESPONSE COUNTS

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR WEMBDON:

### A VITAL RESOURCE THAT DIRECTLY INFLUENCES PLANNING POLICY

#### WHAT SHOULD I LOOK OUT FOR?

An envelope containing two surveys are being delivered with this Parish Newsletter. One survey is the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation and one is a Housing Needs Survey - both are very important for gathering the views, demands and concerns of Wembdon Parish residents. If you did not receive the envelope with the surveys, please get in touch.

#### WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)?

A Neighbourhood Plan would set out the aspirations of our community and would become part of the Local Plan (Sedgemoor District Council's plan for development) and the policies contained within them are then used in the determination of planning applications.

#### WHY SHOULD WEMBDON HAVE ONE?

While a NP could not block development that is already part of the Local Plan, it can shape where development will go and what it will look like. It give Wembdon Parish Council a voice to add detail to the plans, for example on the type of design of buildings, addition of amenities, layout of any developments.

New housing developments are subject to CIL (community infrastructure levy), a payment for each house which can be used to offset the effects of the housing on the local community. With no NP in place, the Parish would be eligible to use 15% of this money, while with a NP the parish would have access to 25% of the money.

#### WHAT IS THE PROCESS INVOLVED?

- 1** Public Consultation (the Survey enclosed)
- 2** Neighbourhood Plan written based on survey responses
- 3** Local Authority approve Neighbourhood Plan
- 4** The Plan goes to public referendum to vote on
- 5** If voting is favourable it is adopted by the Local Authority

#### END RESULT:

The Neighbourhood Plan becomes an integral part of policy for the Parish against which local planning applications are judged. It also mean increased funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy so the Parish Council can make improvements within the community.

# GOOD PLAN SURVEY : AND MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



## WHAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE DONE SO FAR

A steering group has been formed, including 3 Parish Councillors as well as other members of the community. Every household in the parish should have received an invitation to the open consultation meeting, which took place on 11th December 2017. A number of people came and gave us valuable opinions.

We have been liaising with Sedgemoor District Council, and have had the Neighbourhood Area formally recognised, which is the same as the Civil Parish of Wembdon. See [Wembdon.org](http://Wembdon.org) for details.

## WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

Simply complete the survey on behalf of your household. Please think about your needs changing into the future and how Wembdon can prepare for the evolving demands of a growing Parish.

**Without your input we cannot shape and influence the future of Wembdon!**

## WAYS TO GET IN TOUCH



Via Facebook at Wembdon Neighbourhood Plan (closed group, ask to join)



By email to [neighbourhoodplan@wembdon.org](mailto:neighbourhoodplan@wembdon.org)



Write to: 78 Wembdon Hill, Bridgwater, TA6 7PZ

## FURTHER INFORMATION

[www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/neighbourhood](http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/neighbourhood)

[www.locality.org.uk](http://www.locality.org.uk)

For those who do not have internet access, please contact the Parish Clerk, and we will print off copies for you.



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submit an entry about your club or village event please contact  
the Communication Team via WPC, as above.

## **Know your Parish Council.**

Chair – Mike Solomon, Vice Chair – Neil Harrison. Councillors: Julia Riddle, Jason Woods, Anne Reed, Dave Gliddon, Richard Webber, Jodene Hall, Tom Travis, Joanna Jackson. Parish Councillors are locally elected volunteers who represent our community. All are willing to support, assist and signpost local residents wherever possible, with local issues in an environment of mutual respect. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you. ☺

# Joining Wembdon Cricket Club

- Junior Cricket, Tuesday evenings from April 3rd
- Women & Girls Only cricket, Mon 6-7pm from April 9th
- Mens cricket Training, Thurs 6-8pm from April 5th
- Bar open to all every evening and weekend during the summer. Range of Ale, Cider, Wine and Cocktails
- Social Membership available for 5% bar discount
- Food Menu launching Summer 2018
- ECB All Stars Cricket is back for 2018
- Match Sponsorship and Pitch side Advertising available
- New Big Screen TV for Summer 2018, Live Sky Sports

Email: [wembdoncricket@gmail.com](mailto:wembdoncricket@gmail.com)

Call: 07841 013128



Wembdon



Cricket Club





**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2018**  
**6:30PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT**

# **CHARITY AUCTION & BALL**

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# Local contacts and information.

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email [wembdon.community@btinternet.com](mailto:wembdon.community@btinternet.com)

**Wembdon Village Hall:** website [wembdonvillagehall.co.uk](http://wembdonvillagehall.co.uk)

**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:** Dan Bingham tel: 07841 013 128 [wembdoncricket@gmail.com](mailto:wembdoncricket@gmail.com)

**Football club:** Caroline Fretwell [englandbirdie@aol.com](mailto:englandbirdie@aol.com) tel:07736045967

**Wembdon Ladies:** Chris Pashley tel: 01278 451133

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

**Wembdon Sunshiners Pre-school:** Jen Hillier tel: 01278 457100

**Ladies keep Fit:** Mon 945am-10:45am Viv Tolcher tel: 01278 424491

**Art Group:** Tues 10:00am-12:00pm Kay Robbins 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

**Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111.**

**Call anonymously to report crime.**