



The Green hosts villagers for Royal Wedding celebrations!

Photographs courtesy of Jeff Searle, thank you.

News in brief:

After many years of dedicated service to the village as a Councillor, we are sad to say farewell to Jason Woods, who has now stood down from the council. Thank you for all your time and hard work for the benefit of Wembdon.

We are delighted to welcome Neil Bushill to the council and look forward to continuing this council's progressive work to maintain and develop the village as a team.

Thank you to all our contributors at the Annual Parish Assembly in April. This was a very enjoyable and informative evening enjoyed by all.

The path and fencing from the allotments ridgeway path to Blake's Lane have now been cleared and replaced. The footpath gate also along here, on to Blake's Lane, has been replaced following vandalism.

The defibrillator is now located at the Village Hall. We are looking into acquiring a second one for the village, location to be determined. Training is available for volunteers willing to be available to operate them – please get in touch.

Give-A-Day continues to take on many improvement projects around the village – if you'd like to be included on the email circulation list please get in touch with Neil Harrison or via our clerk.

New dropped curbs are in place to aid folks crossing Church Road to Greenacre, and Hollow Lane on Wembdon Hill. Please ensure you park considerately so as not to obstruct these areas. Thank you.

It's that time of year – everything's growing! As a polite request, please ensure your hedges and edges are cut back so footpaths are easily passable – thanks!

We have now submitted a grant application for the accessible play apparatus on the playing fields, and disabled access toilets – we will keep you updated.

Contact Wembdon Parish Council www.wembdon.org email: wembdonpc@gmail.com

Visit our Facebook page Wembdon parish council.

WEMBDON VILLAGE DAY



INCORPORATING
THE ANNUAL
FLOWER, FRUIT, VEGETABLE
AND CRAFT SHOW

FEATURING
'SEDEPAW' DOG SHOW
(BY CANCER RESEARCH UK)
BURTLE SILVER BAND

BOUNCY CASTLES

CRAFT FAYRE

ANNUAL CAR BOOT SALE

STALLS, GAMES, RIDES & ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN'S RACES

LOCAL SCARECROW COMPETITION

**AND
MUCH, MUCH MORE!**

*Lots of New
Attractions*

*Tombola
And
Raffle*

*Free
Parking*

*Bar & Soft
Drinks*

*Fun For
All The
Family*

*Flower Show
Opens at
1 pm*

*Fun Starts
At
10.00 a.m.*

*Ice Cream &
Refreshments*

On Bank Holiday
MONDAY 27TH AUGUST 2018

To Be Held At
St. George's Parish Centre / Church
Wembdon Common / Playing Field &
Village Hall

ENTRANCE

50p Per Person

Pre School Free





PLEASE SLOW DOWN

*This month we have recorded an instance of a driver going at **65 mph**, just yards from the zebra crossing.*

*In Church Road we have recorded drivers going at **50 mph in the 20-mph zone**, just yards from the Park entrance.*

The Parish Council is working tirelessly to encourage drivers to **SLOW DOWN**. We have experienced a much higher volume of traffic over the past year, many using Wembdon as a Rat Run. These are generally drivers racing through trying to beat the congestion on the A39...BUT MANY ARE LOCAL.

We are investigating putting **FIXED SID's** at the entrances to the Village from both the NDR & the A39.

We are also looking at re-introducing the **SPEED WATCH** team and volunteers will be recording offenders' details and sending them to the Police Speed Enforcement Team.

If you would like to join the Team or have any constructive ideas that you think might be implemented, please contact any member of the Parish Council or email our Clerk, Mr Tony Jay clerk@wembdon.org

Neighbourhood Plan Update



The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been busy working towards a plan for Wembdon.

Thank you to all of you who completed the questionnaire. We had an excellent response rate, and we now have a good idea of what the majority of Wembdon residents want us to include in the plan.

The first draft of the neighbourhood plan will be ready soon.

We have some important dates for your diaries, as we are holding two workshops to show the draft plan to all Wembdon residents and to hear your views.

We need to know if we have got the plan right and what changes we need to make to it before it is submitted to the District Council.

Please come to the workshops and tell us what you think. We can't make the plan without your input.

Workshop 1 19th June 2-6pm

Crowpill Room Wembdon Village Hall

Workshop 2 23rd July 3-7pm

Crowpill Room Wembdon Village Hall



The
Green
Wembdon

Incorporating Wembdon Village Hall, Wembdon Sunshiners Pre-School, Wembdon Cricket Club, Wembdon Football Club, Wembdon Rounders Team and many other popular groups.

The Green has quickly become a popular venue for celebrations regularly hosting dinners, birthdays, christenings and weddings.

The venue boasts a large professional kitchen, a well stocked bar, plenty of free off street parking and a large hall at a competitive rate.

The Green regularly organises community events such as craft fayres, live music, and dances as well as special events for New Year, Boxing Day and Valentines etc.

The Green runs a coffee shop from 9.30am Tuesday and Thursday whilst the lounge and bar is open most evenings and all weekend.

All members of the community are very welcome to use the facility and are encouraged to regularly check both our Facebook Page and our website www.wembdonvillagehall.co.uk

The Green has a number of weekly groups and classes including fitness classes, baby and toddler groups as well as children's holiday activities.

For more information email lyn@wembdonvillagehall.co.uk



be saucy!
Slimming World

OUR VILLAGE HALL, One Year On!

Yes, our hall is one year old and is operating very successfully on many fronts. The 3 main users, Wembdon CC, Wembdon Junior FC, and Wembdon Sunshiners are firmly established and thriving in their new surroundings. A host of new initiatives have come on board and help to ensure that the hall is well used every day. There is hopefully something for everyone to enjoy, be it a vigorous work out in a Zumba class or a cup of coffee in the morning to enhance your village walk. If there is something new that you would like to suggest then get in touch or, even better, get involved.

We want the hall to be totally inclusive for everyone in the Parish and the first step is come along, step through the doors and have a look. The hall is open to you to drop in though you might want to ring 01278 455698 to make sure someone is there to chat with or alternatively, visit the Village Hall website.

So, what next? The hall has been reliant on the hard work of Lyn Tyrrell who, besides being a Trustee, has managed the day-to-day running of all activities and the Trustees are now keen to develop a structure to ensure growth and stability as we move forward. We would like to see more people in Wembdon who may be able to offer help. It might be in the role of Trustee, the group with overall responsibility, or as a member of the organising committee to oversee the daily running. It might be that you have something specific to offer, either indoors with repairs and upkeep, or outdoors with a strimmer or a hoe and rake.

You might not have been along to the hall yet and the Trustees would like as many villagers as possible to share in what we are doing. There are many challenges ahead but also an endless number of opportunities to develop a Village Hall for everyone.

There are still things to be done to finish the build. Two changing rooms to serve the sports teams, the room above the lounge so that we can further extend the range of indoor activities, the multi-use games area to enable tennis, netball, basketball etc to be played and the top layer of tarmac on the car park. It is a challenge but it will be met with enthusiasm and determination by all those involved. We hope that you share in our pride as we move into the second year. There is so much more to do to make our hall the best it can be.

Hope to see you soon.



Wembdon In Pictures! Earlier in the year we saw a generous covering of snow transform the village. This brought folks out in force to support their vulnerable friends and neighbours, and also enjoy the unusual opportunities created! Less than 2 months later we enjoyed picnics and entertainment, bathed in sunshine, as The Village Hall hosted villagers for Royal Wedding celebrations.



Introducing two of our newest Councillors.



Hello, my name is Jodene, I have lived in Wembdon for 12 years. I have been a Councillor for Wembdon Parish Council for 1 year and in that time I have really come to appreciate the hard work and commitment the Parish Council put into our village. Our village has seen the transformation of our playing fields, parklands and obviously the building of the new Village Hall, all of which provide fantastic facilities for all ages within our village.

As well as the Parish Council, Wembdon is also lucky enough to have the dedication of the Trustees of the Village Hall and Playing Fields, the Wembdon Community Association and other groups and parishioners who all give up their time to enrich the look, facilities and community feel of our village and I feel very proud to be a part of it.

Hi my name is Tom Travis.

I have been a local parishioner of Wembdon from very early childhood, and am surrounded by a strong family network who have also lived within the village for many years.

I joined Wembdon Parish Council in May 2017, and during this time have learnt to appreciate the level of dedication and professionalism demonstrated by our local councillors in ensuring the best interests of our village and local community.

Since my time on the council, we have seen our new Village Hall and Playing Fields go from strength to strength, and it is great to see the uptake of people utilising the sports pitches on a regular basis, particularly at youth level.

By being on the Parish Council I hope to contribute in ensuring that Wembdon maintains its long-established values and remains an attractive place to live in.



Wembdon St George's Church School

Our journey so far as part of the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust has been busy yet extremely positive. Our focus has been on Learning and Teaching and we have made some strong connections with other primary schools in the Trust. Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and staff have worked together with St John and St Francis on a joint writing project. Staff planned and taught a series of lessons together and some children were chosen as ambassadors to visit others schools and share their learning journey. Themes on WW2 and The Blue Planet inspired our children to produce some very high quality writing. Our Year 1 and Year 2 teachers have been working closely with Holy Trinity in Yeovil on a joint phonics project which will now be shared and used throughout the school and this term our Year 3 teachers are linking with Cheddon Fitzpaine to develop and share a maths project.

Wisdom is our value for this term and in our collective worship and PSHE lessons the children have been thinking about what it means to be wise and how this looks in school. Some of our children have quoted:

"Being wise means that you think things through before doing them."

(Henrietta Year 3)

"I am wise when I choose to make the right decision when someone else is making the wrong one."

(Lewis Year 3)

WISDOM = Wise, Independence, Skill, Determined, Obedient, Mature

(Lucy Year 6)

"Wisdom is working together to be the best we can be."

(Daniel Year 6)

Our Year 4 pupils have just returned safely after 3 very busy, yet exciting days at Kilve Court. The most popular activities seem to have been the grass sledging, mountain biking and the climbing wall. It has been lovely to hear about their experiences and I know that there will be some very memorable moments which will stay with the children for a long time. Our Year 6 pupils have all been working really hard in preparation for their SATs tests and I know that they will all do their very best. Breakfast club is proving popular with all the Year 6 children, especially the bacon rolls!

Some of you may know that I will be retiring at the end of the summer term. After 33 years here at Wembdon it is now the right time for me to leave and pursue other interests. I feel very privileged to have been involved with the school for so many years, be part of so many changes and to have helped children on their journey towards becoming confident and successful young adults. My first class of seven year olds will now be approaching 40! I truly believe Wembdon is still a very special school and I know it will continue to grow from strength to strength. Mrs Paula Park, who has been supporting the school from the Academy Trust, will be taking over as Headteacher from September 2018 and I know that the school will continue to flourish under her management.

With my very best wishes to all of you

Judith Heale

WEMBDON COLLECTIVE OUTDOOR AUCTION SALE

10:30am SATURDAY 7TH JULY 2018

**THE WEMBDON SALEFIELD
BLAKES ROAD
WEMBDON
BRIDGWATER
TA6 7RS**

ENTRIES NOW INVITED

600-800 LOTS ANTICIPATED

Entries to include: agricultural equipment, farming bygones, timber, garden machinery, chicken shed, poultry and poultry equipment. Vehicles, bicycles, garden and general items, etc.

All entries must be delivered to the sales field between 8.00am – 4.00pm on Friday 6th July 2018. Site has guard dog security overnight. Pre-entered items may attract free advertising.

Please call William Gilbert on 01278 458241 (Option 1) for further information or to enter an item into our forthcoming sale.



Sedgemoor Striders

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

We are a local non profit based running club with 4 voluntary England Athletics leadership in running fitness qualified run leaders, one of which is a fully qualified level 2 coach.

We all have a passion for running and wanted to help others achieve their goals in fitness. The Team consists of Coach Rhia, Dawn, Sally & Jodene.

Since starting the Running club in November 2017 we now have a considerable number of members. Some of our members were already runners and some that joined our beginners 6 weeks course, that had never previously run, but have now all completed a 5k parkrun.

Many of our members wanted to improve on their speed, stamina and overall fitness whilst others wanted the community feel and encouragement from being part of a team that our club offers.

We are a mixed ability, age and gender running group with a friendly community feel to the club.

As a club we meet every:

Saturday morning at 9.00am in Wembdon Park for a social run.

Wednesday evening at 6.30pm at Northgate Carpark for a social run.

Friday morning at 9.30am Quantock Gateway for a social run, Term time only.

Coaching Sessions are run every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm at the Wembdon Village Green with our club coach Rhia.

Our next 6 weeks beginners sessions will be starting in September 2018.

Lots of our members are working towards achieving personal goals this year with many of them looking forward to participating in the BHM (Bridgwater Half Marathon) 5K, 10K & Half Marathon in September making Bridgwater as a whole a great community to inspire others .

Please feel free to get in touch for more information or if you would like to join us for any of the above sessions.

Contact us via our facebook page **Sedgemoor Striders** or txt or call on 07795 560225 (Dawn) 07867 424614 (Rhia) 07876 403355 (Sally) or 07846 307678 (Jodene) or email us on sedgemoor.striders@gmail.com



FUN IDOG SHOW



**HOT
DOGS**

**TEA
COFFEE &
CAKES**

Saturday 30th June, 2018

ST George's Parish Centre

Church Road, Wembdon

2.30pm until 5pm

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| ♥ Junior Handler | ♥ Best trick | ♥ Best Veteran |
| ♥ Best Crossbreed | ♥ Prettiest Bitch | ♥ Fancy Dress |
| ♥ Best Rescue | ♥ Most Handsome Dog | ♥ Dog the Judge Would Like to Take Home |
| ♥ Waggiest Tail | ♥ Dog Most Like Owner | ♥ Show Champion |
| ♥ Sausage and spoon race | ♥ Cutest Puppy under 12 months | |

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

'Show Champion'

Raising funds in aid of the community woodland, wild flower meadow and off lead area of Wembdon Parklands.

**Amazing
raffle prizes
to be won**

**You don't need to
bring a dog to come
fun for everyone!!**

**Afternoon
tea & hot
dogs
available**



Wembdon Parklands & Community Together

Telephone: 07957165777 Charity no: EW86299

WEMBDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2018



Don't miss this annual treat!

To be held at
Blakes Road field, Wembdon (next to Church)

On

SATURDAY 27th October 2018

FIREWORK DISPLAY at 6.45p.m.

**ADMISSION: - Adults £2 Children £1
Pre-school - FREE**

(FAMILY TICKET: £5 for 2 adults and up to 3 children)

Hotdogs, soup, crisps, drinks available from 6.00 p.m. on the field

**£1700 worth of brilliant aerial fireworks from Skyburst Fireworks
Professionally Fired**

**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
PLEASE WALK IF AT ALL POSSIBLE**

No Sparklers or personal fireworks allowed on the field.

POLICE and FIRST AID PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE.

**Be there whatever the weather and support your local
Community Association.**



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-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

Football club: Caroline Fretwell 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.