



## Wembdon Parish Council unveils new 'Access for All' playground equipment

## Wembdon leads the way

As a key element of the Wembdon Parish Council '**Access for All**' programme, The Council have worked closely with the Wembdon Village Hall & Playing Field Trust and the Big Lottery to provide fully accessible '**Changing Places**' toilet facilities in the Village Hall. This has now been completed and is the first such facility to be installed in Sedgemoor and only the third in Somerset. It is also the first installation of its kind in an outdoor sports and recreation centre.

The need for such facilities was identified when a Wembdon resident highlighted that whilst the disabled facilities in the new village hall were to a recognized DDA standard, when the need was for facilities for people with more serious impairments who need motorized lifting equipment and changing tables, the hall was unable to meet their needs. This meant that when she and her husband took her two children to the park or to an event at the hall, should one of her children, who is profoundly disabled, need to use the toilet, then she had to return home and that was then the end of the day out for the whole family.

The Parish Council learned that Wembdon has a number of people in the parish and the local area who would benefit from the facilities and so the Parish Council contacted the Big Lottery and started to seek grants not only for the "**Changing Places**" facilities but also for new and very specialized play equipment for the park and this equipment really had to be accessible to every child.



The Big Lottery fully shared our vision of providing facilities that were truly 'Accessible to All'. In addition to the Changing Places facilities, they have now funded a new trampoline and roundabout, both specially designed and fabricated to be strong enough to handle the additional weight of a motorized wheelchair. Regular disabled play equipment will handle loads of 100kg, but the motorized wheelchairs need more than twice that capacity so stronger bearings and additional and stronger springs have been included in this new leading-edge design. The Parish Council have been working closely with the families and the manufacturer, G L Jones, who specialize in children's play equipment, to ensure that the play equipment is fun to use, fully accessible and safe for everybody.

These two projects to provide '**Changing Places**' facilities and fully accessible play equipment are a part of the Parish Council's 'Access for All' programme, which has a clear vision to ensure that every person in our community can access the very best facilities, be it the village hall, the sports fields, the green spaces or the play equipment. The Access for All project has included: providing new and tarmac surfaced footpaths, new tarmac surface to the village hall car park, **Changing Places** facilities, new and additional play equipment, new solar powered pathway lighting and all covered by an extensive CCTV system, which is being supported jointly by the village hall and Parish Council and funded by The Big Lottery plus RLT2 and RLT3 grants from Sedgemoor District Council.



# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Plan for Wembdon is nearing its final stages, as I am sure many of you will be pleased to hear. It is currently undergoing the process of examination by Sedgemoor District Council and after that will be subjected to scrutiny by an external examiner. We are hopeful that this process will be straightforward, and not lead to any delay. The next stage will be the referendum, after which the plan will be formally adopted (if the result is positive). We hope that the residents will vote, and vote in favour of the plan.

As a brief reminder and to extract directly from the District Council (SDC) summary, our plan has the following objectives for Wembdon:

1. Ensure that new development reflects and contributes positively to the rural and green character of Wembdon;
2. Support the continued delivery of a comprehensive, forward-looking community strategy with facilities that are complementary to each other and provide access for all;
3. Promote cohesion and integration of new communities, and particularly those at Cokerhurst Farm within the Neighbourhood Development Plan area;
4. Secure funding for local infrastructure to support the delivery of growth;
5. Encourage a reduction in traffic speeds, volumes and congestion to improve highway safety and in turn promote sustainable, appropriate travel patterns which reflect the local context;
6. Deliver affordable and other types of housing principally for local people.

The plan is based upon the feedback from surveys of every household and school. There have been multiple stages of consultation and the final draft, prepared just before Christmas, has been approved by SDC as meeting all European, as well as local, regulations. This final consultation ended 15<sup>th</sup> February and any editing completed before the plan goes to an Inspector appointed by SDC. The examination and hearings are scheduled to take until the end of May and we anticipate a referendum in early June. Hopefully the plan will be supported by all residents of our parish and will then become a part of the planning framework against which new applications are assessed.

## Meet your new Parish Councillors



### Councillor Mark Phillips

I am originally from Aberfan in South Wales, we moved to in Wembdon on December 10th 1969. I went to the then new Wembdon Junior school, starting in year 1, so I was in the class who went all the way through the 4 years. I then went to Chilton. Meeting my wife to be 'Jayne' in 1981, whilst working part time at Cokerhurst Farm Shop. We married in 1988 at Wembdon Church, moving into a derelict No. 4 Wembdon Hill in late 1990. I soon joined the WCA, in 1993 I became Chairman, I stayed as chairman through to the end of 2000, I was also a school governor at Wembdon School until my 2 children left.

We moved to Inwood Road mid 2001 and still live there now. I can frequently be seen walking my Boxer Dog Daisy.

Both my children married in 2015 (6 weeks apart) and I now have 2 wonderful grandchildren, Penny is just turned 2 and Harry is 1. I have worked at both Hinkley 'A' & 'B' since 1984, with plans to retire around the corner.

More recently in Wembdon Life, I have worked with a small group creating The Neighbourhood Plan and last year joined the Parish Council. At the moment I am finding my feet, but aim to get a bit more actively involved during 2019 and beyond.



### Councillor Lorna Edwards

I was born in North Newton and have lived in the area for 56 years. I have worked in the local News paper industry and for the DWP. I studied art and design for 5 years, receiving a BA hons in Textiles and Surface Pattern. Over the last 10 years I have been working with dogs and run my own dog grooming business in Wembdon. I am a Miniature Schnauzer enthusiast and enjoy showing my dogs at Open and Championship Dog Shows. I am the founder member and chairperson of Wembdon Parklands & Community Together, a charity set up by local

people to raise funds to turn an area of the parklands into a woodland and nature trail, that is inclusive to disabled people.

# WEMBDON ALLOTMENTS

## 2019 UPDATE

I hope that many of you take the opportunity to walk from the side of the Cottage Inn, along the ridgeway and past our allotments. Then you can access the church, Church Rd or Blakes Lane from the various footpath options. The views over the Bristol Channel are beautiful.

Over the past year we have found tenants for all our plots but, as the new season approaches, one or two allotments have become available to rent. It is a good time to start as it coincides with the start of our allotment year. If you are interested and would like to know more then please give me a ring on 01278 457549 and I will gladly arrange a site visit. It might be the start of a new hobby for you and there is an amazing support network of current holders who will gladly share their knowledge and enthusiasm.

Our Annual General Meeting of allotment holders gives everyone the chance to meet and to pay their annual fees to Tony, our Clerk. It has been arranged for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. It is an open meeting so please come along if you are at all interested. It is held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm (this is the new Village Hall off Homberg Way, not the Parish Centre by the church).

CLlr Neil Harrison

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# 'Give' a Day Update

Our team met up on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb after a long lay-off over the late Autumn and early Winter period. To re-cap, we are basically a team of volunteers who set aside a few hours on the first Saturday of each month to give time and labour, free, to help to improve the leisure facilities in our village.

Our focus has been on the Parkland for a number of years and, more recently, around our Village Hall. Some tasks are very physical, others less so, but there enough tasks to suit anyone who wishes to help

Over the years the 'day' has gradually shortened so that now we meet at 9.30am and finish between 12-1.30pm. So from now we have officially changed our title name to;

## 'Give' a Morning

On Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we are meeting at the Village Hall to start our Spring planting programme. We are planning 7 mature flowering cherry trees in the borders between the Village Hall entrance gate leading up to the main front doors. A large number of evergreen shrubs will fill up the borders. If anyone is interested in joining us for a couple of hours or more please give me a ring on 01278 457549 or send me an email to [harrison.neil96@yahoo.com](mailto:harrison.neil96@yahoo.com) I will send an email to all group members a few days before each meeting to advise on equipment needed.

**STOP PRESS !! Reedmoor Estate dwellers.** Councillor Lorna Edwards wants to clean up the footpath alongside the rhyne and the back of Chilton School and needs help from the local community. She will start at 9.30am on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March in an effort to clear the path of rubbish and years of neglect. If you can help then please email her at

[l.edwards@wembdon.org](mailto:l.edwards@wembdon.org)

Best wishes, Neil Harrison



## REPORT FROM THE SPEEDWATCH TEAM



*Latest evidence from the Speed Indicator Device:*

**Church Rd** – AVERAGE SPEED is 15.7 mph in the 20-mph zone BUT we recorded a vehicle driving at **35 mph towards the park entrance on 11/01/19 at 19:35.**

**Wembdon Rise** - AVERAGE SPEED is 26.1 mph in the 30-mph zone BUT we recorded a vehicle travelling at **60.0 mph on 09/12/2018 at 11:25 a.m. and regularly vehicles are travelling in excess of 50 mph toward the zebra crossing.**

**Wembdon Hill** – AVERAGE SPEED is **24 mph** in the 30-mph zone BUT we recorded a vehicle travelling at **60.0 MPH on 30/12/2018 at 21:35 and others in excess of 55 mph!**

***Most worryingly we are getting regular reports of near misses on the zebra crossing. The Parish Council is aware of this and have continued contact with Highways over our concerns. Instances of vehicles overtaking cars that have stopped to let a pedestrian cross are very worrying and we aim to look for solutions to this issue.***

The **SPEEDWATCH** team have been out on Wembdon Hill and Wembdon Rise, recording offenders' details and sending them to the Police Speed Enforcement Team. *Please give us a friendly wave in our efforts to keep you the residents of Wembdon, safe from speeding traffic.*



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**Toyah: Up Close and Personal**  
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This lively, entertaining and revealing show comes in the form of Toyah performing an unplugged set of her well-loved hits and classic songs, alongside recalling stories from her colourful thirty-five year career.



**There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly**  
**Sunday 7 April, 1pm & 3pm**

Written especially for grown ups to enjoy with their children, come along to this charming tale complete with sing along songs and colourful animal characters.



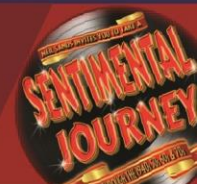
**NT Live: All About Eve**  
**Thursday 11 April, 7pm**

The story of Margo Channing. Legend. True star of the theatre. The spotlight is hers, always has been. But now there's Eve. Her biggest fan. The golden girl, the girl next door. But you know all about Eve... don't you...?



**Sentimental Journey**  
**Friday 26 April, 2pm**

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## St George's Parish Centre



My name is Liz Birch and I am the new Parish Centre Development Worker at St George's Parish Centre, next to the church. I am here to increase the activities and initiatives for the local community and if you have any ideas or questions about the Parish centre, do get in touch.

There are many new things happening, one of which is extending the hours of coffee shop from the usual 10am -12 to 2pm on a Tuesday, starting 12 February.

I will be including homemade soup and a roll and of course coffee and cakes. Also in the pipeline are cookery/social classes for small groups who will cook something and enjoy the fruits of their labour over a nice lunch. We will have many different topics from – standard Bolognese sauce, puddings, gluten free week and learn to ice a cake. Everyone is welcome, it will be on a book in advance basis. If you require any further details on this, please send me an email; all ideas gratefully received, and I would love to see you.

Pat Bright remains the contact for bookings on 457760, [patbright@btinternet.com](mailto:patbright@btinternet.com)

My details are: [parishcentre@sgw.org.uk](mailto:parishcentre@sgw.org.uk) or through the facebook page.

### WEMBDON ART GROUP

will be holding an

### ART EXHIBITION

**24<sup>TH</sup>MAY** (2-8pm) and **25<sup>TH</sup>MAY** (10-4pm)

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DAY	AM	PM	EVENING
Sunday	Eagle Mountain Church 10 am to 1 pm		
Monday	Baby Sensory – 9 am to 1.30 pm	Baby Sensory – 1.30 to 3 pm	In Line Dancing 7.30 to 10.30 pm Parish Council Meeting – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of month Parish Council Planning Meeting – 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of month
Tuesday	Pulmonary Rehabilitation - 9 am to 1 pm Coffee in lounge from 9 am – Hall Manager available to discuss bookings etc Café with coffee & cakes – 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month 9.30 to 12 Noon (open from 9 am) PCSO Community Liaison – 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month		Zumba 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm Strong 7.30 to 8.30 pm
Wednesday	Slimming World 8 to 11.30 am Open Office – 6 to 8 pm		Slimming World 5.30 pm & 7.30 pm Salsa – 7.30 to 10 pm
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DAY: SUNDAY  
VENUE: HAYGROVE SCHOOL  
STARTS: 3RD FEBRUARY 2019  
FINAL SESSION: 31ST MARCH 2019



UNDER 9 & 11 (YR-Y6): 4pm - 5pm  
UNDER 13 (Y7-Y8): 5pm - 6pm  
UNDER 15 (Y9-Y10): 6pm - 7pm  
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### **Annual Parish Assembly for Wembdon**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 8pm @ Wembdon Village Hall

*The public are warmly invited to attend and may ask questions after each session. Refreshments provided.*

## **Contact your Parish Council**

### **Councillors**

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# Local contacts and information.

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

**Music with Mummy:** Tues 1.00pm-3.00pm Lisa Drew tel:07903 284835

**Ladies keep Fit:** Mon 9.45am-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

**Sedgemoor Stitches:** - Vanessa Leighton tel: 01278 662977

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