

1st Place Winners of



Somerset Playing Field of the Year

A few words from the Chairman

Our Parish Paper this month should have three front pages because there really have been some outstanding events and achievements in the past few weeks. You will read elsewhere that Wembdon now has an adopted Neighbourhood Plan, which gives your Parish Council far greater influence in the design of any new development in our Parish. This was achieved in record time and the goal is to ensure that the “character” of Wembdon as we all know and love, will be maintained in any new developments.

We were also fortunate to have some great weather for our Village Day which brought out our community in larger numbers than ever to enjoy a day in the sun where we met friends and neighbours, tried our luck at the sideshows, browsed the car boot sale and admired the magnificent exhibits at the flower show. We are so fortunate to have the Wembdon Community Association who organise this key day in the village calendar.

Our efforts to maintain our fabulous Village Green and Playing Field were also recognised this month and rewarded at the annual meeting of the Somerset Playing Fields Association, where we were awarded the top prize, against some very strong competition from Bath, Taunton, Somerton and Weston. The cup will be displayed in the trophy cabinet in the Village Hall Community Lounge for all to see.

We have had some great successes this past month and as a Council we are so grateful for all of the support provided by so many in our community to help us all to continue to build a better place to live and bring up our families.

Wembdon Village Day 2019

After the changeable weather at last year's event, the members of the Wembdon Community Association (WCA) were praying for sunshine, and they weren't disappointed!

The glorious weather throughout the day meant that there were plenty of car-booters and stall holders ranging from local craft businesses to a bouncy castle and inflatable slide offering families plenty of things to do on their day out. The BBQ was busy throughout the day, starting at 7am serving bacon butties, then selling burgers and hot dogs until they were sold out!

The field adjacent to the park was in use briefly in the afternoon where teams representing St George's Church and The Cottage Inn battled it out in the Tug of War Competition. After an exciting and thoroughly entertaining battle this was finally won by the Church Team.

On the common there was a good selection of traditional fete stalls to be enjoyed by visitors, including hook-a-duck and the coconut shy, along with various charity stalls for local organisations and even a charity Fairground Organ. Once again the visitors were entertained throughout the afternoon by Burtle Silver Band, while able to enjoy sandwiches and cakes made by WCA volunteers and served from the Parish Centre café.

The annual Fruit, Vegetable, Flower and Craft show enjoyed its most successful year since 2009, with several new exhibitors, especially in the children's classes, as well as many returning exhibitors, some of which have supported the show for many years. This year the best exhibit in show was awarded to Mr R Loader for his beautiful vase of mixed Annual Flowers grown from seed this year, while Alex Huxley won the children's best exhibit in show for his handmade screwdriver. The craft fair in the Village Hall was also very popular, with a constant stream of visitors.

The WCA is always very grateful for all the support we receive on Village Day from members of the community, enabling us to run this huge event year after year, and therefore letting us continue to support other local groups and provide events throughout the year. Our next big event will be our spectacular Annual Firework Display at Blake's Field (by the church), on Saturday 26th October 2019 at 6:45p.m. This is a professionally-fired display by "Skyburst", and we look forward to seeing you there!

Fiona Grief (WCA Flower Show Committee)



Photographs by Brian Bateman Photography



The WCA committee would like to offer our grateful thanks
to all members of the community
 who assist with our functions throughout the year.
 We do need your continued help and support to enable these functions to thrive.

**The WCA Annual General Meeting will be held at
 8pm on Thursday 14th November 2019 at the Parish Centre.
 ALL VILLAGERS ARE WELCOME**



VE DAY
 75TH ANNIVERSARY
 A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
 8 - 10 MAY 2020

The village of Wembdon will be coming together for a shared celebration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

Plans are underway for a 3 day weekend from 8th -10th May filled with remembrance memorials, commemorative unveilings and family fun, games and activities.

If you would like to be involved or have ideas and suggestions, please contact:
mphillips@wembdon.org

A few words on the Neighbourhood Plan.

WEMBDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We are delighted to confirm to everyone in Wembdon Parish that following a year of very concentrated effort, a team of Parish Councillors and Wembdon residents completed the work needed to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Wembdon. This was subsequently examined by Sedgemoor District Council for legality and then inspected by a government approved inspector and a final draft was subject to a vote by all residents of Wembdon.

We were delighted to find that the plan was supported by 94% of the electorate with just 40 people voting against. This plan was endorsed and formally adopted at a meeting of all Councillors of Sedgemoor District Council at which point the plan became a key part of Planning Law against which all planning applications in Wembdon will now be assessed.

The content of the Plan have been widely discussed over the past 18 months in previous Parish Papers and can also be viewed on the SDC website; <https://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/article/2207>. The Council would like to publicly thank all the members of the Steering Team for their support in achieving this milestone in record time.





Meet the newest Councillor to join Wembdon Parish Council

Peter Major

When I moved to Wembdon 21 years ago, I had no interest in local councils or local planning. What changed was that I became involved in opposing the proposed development at Cokerhurst Farm. After the initial application was turned down, I spoke at the ensuing public enquiry and, it seems, brought myself to the attention of Mike, Chairman of Wembdon Parish Council. When Mike was putting together a steering group for Wembdon's proposed Neighbourhood Plan, he asked me to join it, which I did. That led to me taking over responsibility for Wembdon's website, and also to my being co-opted onto Wembdon's Planning Committee. I spoke several times to Sedgemoor's Development Committee, in opposition to various applications. After several failed attempts, Mike successfully persuaded me to stand as a Wembdon Parish Councillor this year, and I now chair the Planning Committee!

I took early retirement ten years ago from being Computer Systems Manager for Libraries West, which runs the Public Libraries service for five local authorities. Prior to that I was for many years the engineer for a mobile educational television unit based in Winchester, having gained a degree in Electronic Engineering at Southampton University.

I am married to Margaret, having two grown-up daughters from my first marriage, and three step-children. Between us we have eight grandchildren, two of whom live in Wembdon, so we see a lot of them! I became interested in canal boating in the early '70s, and have had my own narrow boat for over 40 years. It currently resides in Bridgwater docks while I am refitting it.

WEMBDON WINS THE CUP

At the Annual General Meeting and Awards Ceremony of the Somerset Playing Fields Association, on behalf of the Village of Wembdon, Cllr Mike Solomon, Chairman of Wembdon Parish Council was presented with the Healey Cup by Deputy Lord Lieutenant Edward Allen Esq DL for Wembdon Playing Fields being voted the top award "Somerset Playing Field of the Year".

Cllr Solomon said that he was very proud to represent the huge team of people who had worked to earn this fantastic achievement. In particular Mike thanked Dan Bingham and the Wembdon Cricket Club for their work on the playing pitches, Andrew Sutton for keeping the playing fields and surrounding areas in excellent order, The Wembdon Give a Day team of village volunteers and those who fund raised to complete the entrance and car park with re-surfacing, planting an avenue of specimen cherry trees with hedging and new grassed areas and our tireless litter picker, Beryl Morton.



The Parish Council has also been highly commended for its policy of Access for All, which ensures that it is providing recreational facilities that benefit everybody in their community, regardless of their capability, installing the latest specification Changing Places toilet and changing room at the Village Hall, fully accessible play equipment in the playing fields and new tarmac surfaced footpaths, with solar lighting, to provide better and safer access to wheelchair users, mobility scooters and those less steady on their feet.

We are very proud of winning the cup said Cllr Solomon because it is a real recognition of the work carried out by so many in our community for the benefit of us all.

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REPORT FROM THE SPEEDWATCH TEAM



Wembdon Rise – Westbound

Traffic Report From

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- **Max Speed = 65.0 MPH on 17/08/2019 15:05:00**
- Total Vehicles = 34,204 counts
- Average Daily Number of Vehicles: 2,012
- Average Speed: 27.2 MPH (26.1 mph in December 2018)

Wembdon Hill – Top

Traffic Report From 19/08/2019 09:00:00 through 02/09/2019 09:59:59

- **Max Speed = 55.0 MPH on 22/08/2019 06:15:00**
- Total Vehicles = 12,334 counts
- Average Daily Number of Vehicle: 878.4
- Average Speed: 28.1 MPH (24.8 mph in June 2019)
-

Wembdon Hill – Downwards – Eastbound

Traffic Report From 02/09/2019 10:00:00 through 13/09/2019 09:59:59

- **Max Speed = 55.0 MPH on 08/09/2019 18:50:00**
- Total Vehicles = 14,485 counts
- Average Daily Number of Vehicles: 1316.8
- Average Speed: 24.3 MPH

If you would like to support the Speedwatch team please contact anyone on the Parish Council.

I'm sure many of you are as frustrated as we are at the speed of traffic that dashes through the village. The Parish Council continues to work tirelessly with District and County Councillors to find a solution to this problem.



Wembdon Parklands & Community Together

Update on our project for all creatures great and small

Monday the 16th September was an important day both for local wildlife and Access for All in Wembdon. This was very exciting day for the PACT team who have all worked very hard to raise the funds to make this project a reality.

W J Frost Groundworks, began phase one by starting to lay the new pathways, which will enable full access to the area by wheelchair users, families with pushchairs and those who may be a little unsteady on their feet. The pathway will take 3 weeks to be completed and during this time will be divided into sections. Everyone involved has been briefed to ensure that there are plenty of access points for badgers and other wildlife during this period.

Lucie New our Landscape Architect, began marking out areas for the sensory borders and also in the orchard space for the prairie meadow. In the following weeks landscaping will be carried out in small areas of the parklands and planting will begin and run through the winter. The planting programme includes trees and plants that will bring much needed food for foraging animals.

From when the work first started, we have had a lot of people pass by, including people with pushchairs, dog walkers and those with mobility issues, who have asked about the work being carried out. We have

had so many positive and encouraging responses, members of the public are very pleased that the parklands will have access suitable to everyone and that the planting of hedging, trees etc. will bring in more wildlife providing habitats and food for them.

We are very excited for the coming months as the project progresses and look forward to the planting of the trees. The stumpery area should be amazing, as it will attract lots of invertebrates and insects to the area and an excellent foraging area for the local wildlife to enjoy.

The fencing along the open section of Oak Apple Drive is due to be erected later next month, along with the stumpery it will aide in keeping wildlife safer from the NDR, as they will have everything they need right there. As the biodiversity of the land matures and improves, we hope to see a lot of new furry families popping up!

Charity registration number: 1184852



WEMBDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

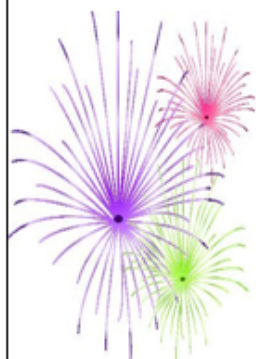
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Sunday	<u>Riverside Church Bridgwater</u> 10 am to 1 pm		
Monday	<u>Baby Sensory</u> – 9 am to 2 pm		<u>In Line Dancing</u> 7.30 to 10.30 pm <u>Parish Council Meeting</u> – 2 nd Monday of month <u>Parish Council Planning Meeting</u> – 4 th Monday of month
Tuesday	<u>Pulmonary Rehabilitation</u> - 9 am to 1 pm Hall Manager available to discuss bookings etc <u>Café with coffee & cakes</u> – 1 st Tuesday of month 9.30 to 12 Noon PCSO Community Liaison – 1 st Tuesday of month		<u>Zumba</u> 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm <u>Strong</u> 7.30 to 8.30 pm
Wednesday	<u>Slimming World</u> 8 to 11.30 am		<u>Slimming World</u> 5.30 pm & 7.30 pm <u>Open Office</u> – 6 to 8 pm
Thursday	<u>Pulmonary Rehabilitation</u> – 9 am to 1 pm		<u>Strong</u> 6 pm to 7 pm <u>Zumba</u> 7 pm to 8 pm
Friday	<u>Cardio Rehab</u> 9.30 am to 10.45 am <u>Pilates</u> 11 am to 12 noon		



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Give a little, change a lot. Have you thought about volunteering but don't know where to start?

Coming into what will hopefully be another nice summer, this is a great time to think about getting involved in the many community events taking place. These are ideal opportunities if you are looking to do some volunteering but don't have much time in your week. We also have lots of other great, more regular outdoor volunteering roles too! Have you got time to fill over the long summer holidays? Maybe you would simply enjoy being outdoors for a change of scene. Whatever your motivation, contact us to find out how you could get involved in volunteering. We have lots of other general volunteering opportunities available too.

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‘Parish Pump’

The parish centre has had a busy few months and this will be continuing into the new term. We now have a new car park surface which looks amazing. Thank you to Mike Perkins and his team from Kiely Bros and to Keith Brett the contracts director who has made a generous commitment to support St George’s in line with the social values for the county of Somerset and Skanska infrastructure services.

The cookery classes have started and are going well, there are limited spaces so get in quick. Chicken and ham pie in October and toad in the hole in December. A new create and craft group has been set up, every Tuesday in coffee shop, bring along a craft that has been waiting to happen at home, or come and learn a new one, 10 -12.

These are some more of the upcoming events:

Ping pong and pizza evening is a youth group for 8 – 14 year olds. There are crafts, games and a short bible talk and obviously pizza! The next one is Fri 15th November starting at 6.30pm.



Pop-up café starts 1st October, running every Tuesday between 12 and 2; soup and roll, jacket potatoes and toasted sandwiches available. Come and join us.

Afternoon tea time special continues on the first Thursday of the month with guest speakers. 7th November is canoeing the Thames and 5th December is a carol service.

And finally, we have Christmas craft fayre on 23rd November, 10-2. Many stalls with all sorts for presents and gifts. There will also be a café too. If you would like a table there are a few left, if not just come along and shop!

Please feel free to contact me with any booking enquiries or questions with regards to our activities we are running.

Liz Birch

Parish Centre Development Worker

Parishcentre@sqw.org.uk



Could you save someone's life?

We have two defibrillators in the village, one outside the village stores and one just inside the village hall.

We should soon be offering a training session for anyone who wishes to learn how to use these, at the village hall.

Please look out for posters and on the website.

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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

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