

# Wembdon Parish Paper

Edition 28



*To The Parishioners of  
Wembdon*



*Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year*



## WEMBDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### WEMBDON FIREWORKS DISPLAY

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October the community came together in great numbers to support the Annual Fireworks Display in the "Auction Field" on Blakes Road.

Throughout the rainy afternoon a dedicated and soggy team of WCA members along with a professional team from Skyburst Fireworks defied the weather to prepare for the event on the promise of an improving forecast leading into the evening. Although very wet by the end of the afternoon, unlike the Bridgwater event planned for the following week, we were rewarded as the rain stopped and the wind eased and turned to a favourable direction for the display to continue.

The excitement built into the evening as the spectators just kept arriving in the field, they were still pouring through the gate as the display was due to commence. Soup and Hot Dogs helped fill the time whilst we waited patiently for the countdown to commence 10, 9, 8, ..... 3, 2, 1 as the air horn was sounded signalling the start of the display.

What a fantastic ground and aerial display we were treated to. Skyburst pulled out all of the stops to treat us to a spectacular show. Judging by the departing comments on the gate as the spectators of all ages left the field it was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the general consensus being that "we'll be back next year".

There has been a great deal of opposition towards Fireworks for many reasons but, despite the rising costs the WCA are dedicated towards the future of this event. We don't set out to make a profit but endeavour to cover as many of the costs as possible via entrance fees and refreshments. If it continues to entertain the community at low cost to them, this professionally fired display negates the need for many random displays within densely populated back gardens and may even avoid serious injury to children or family members. Skyburst are a highly professional company who stage displays across the country and are always very favourable towards our event. We always have a St John Ambulance team and the local police on site, inform the Fire Brigade and even Air Traffic Control so we just need the continued support of the Wembdon Community and a bit of luck with the weather. Next year being a leap year, the event will take place on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.



**Next Parish Council  
Meeting**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
7.30pm @ Wembdon  
Village Hall**

*The public are warmly  
invited to attend*

**Call  
Dylan!**

## Meet your new Parish Councillor

### Dianne Claydon

Hello, I am Dianne Claydon. I have recently joined the Parish Council and have a liaison role for the allotments.



I have lived in Wembdon for 28 years, and worked in education for all my working life, the majority of it at Bridgwater College. As a keen gardener I dreamed of having an allotment in my retirement, and put my name down on the waiting list. Ten years ago my name came to the top of the list and I took over a plot needing quite a bit of attention, but was handsomely rewarded by an ample supply of cooking apples, damsons and plums plus my own organic vegetables. My husband says there is time and allotment time. The Wembdon Hill allotments are in such a lovely spot looking towards the estuary, observing the wildlife is such a pleasure. One of my favourite places in the village. Time does stand still sometimes.

The Parish Council bought the allotments 9 years ago and invested to improve the track, water troughs, fencing, seating, litter bins and most recently rebuilding the wall which collapsed last winter. This is not only appreciated by allotment holders but, I am sure, also by dog walkers and walkers. When I was asked to consider being a councillor to take over from Neil Harrison, who had stepped down as councillor, it was seeing how the Parish Council had improved the village in so many ways that influenced my decision to be put forward for co-option onto the Council. I thought it time to contribute to the village. Unsurprisingly therefore, my liaison role is for the allotments, something I value dearly.

If you are interested in having an allotment and would like to be added to the waiting list please contact me through [d.claydon@wembdon.org](mailto:d.claydon@wembdon.org)

**REPORT FROM THE  
SPEEDWATCH TEAM**



**Wembdon Hill – Top, November 2019**

**Traffic Report From 01/11/2019 09:00:00 through 02/12/2019 09:59:59**

- **Max Speed = 60.0 MPH on 07/11/2019 20:30:00**
- **Total Vehicles = 25,280 counts**
- **Average Daily Number of Vehicle: 814**
- **Average Speed: 26.7MPH**

**In August when the SID was in the same location, it recorded a daily average of 878 vehicles per day passing through, in November it was 814.**

**The average speed in August was 28.1 MPH, in November it was 26.7MPH.**

**The highest recorded speed in August was 55 MPH, in November it was 60MPH.**

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



## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day

We are looking for Parishioners memories from VE Day, please write them down and send/take to 45 Inwood Rd or email [m.phillips@wembdon.org](mailto:m.phillips@wembdon.org). These memories will be put up at The Village Hall (for the 8th) and transferred to The Parish Centre (for the 10th).

We currently have 1 person who is going to speak at the unveiling of the VE Day 75 plaque on Wembdon Parklands the plaque will be by a newly planted Oak tree donated by PACT. We would love 1 or 2 others to speak about their own memories, please let us know if you are willing to speak.

Plans for VE Day bank holiday weekend have been finalised;

### **Friday May 8th 'VE Day' 75 anniversary**

**12:00-4:00**

Picnic at the park, all invited, fancy dress encouraged (1945 theme), there will be games, sporting activities, singing and the Last Post at 3:00pm (as per the rest of Britain), Union Jack flags for the children to wave will be supplied. In The Village Hall there will be tea/cakes/food available for the older parishioners.

**4:00pm**

A plaque will be unveiled on The Parklands by parishioners who have memories of VE Day.

The Cottage Inn Wembdon

**6:00pm** Pig Roast available

**7:00pm** Somerset Songbirds singing poignant songs

**8:00pm** Two Tone performing 2 sets

Fancy dress encouraged.

The Cottage is holding a raffle in aid of The British Legion

### **Sunday May 10th**

Church service in the morning, in the afternoon, tea and cake at 4pm, service starting at 5pm with Burtle Silver Band.

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### Immersion Theatre Rapunzel

Sunday 5 April  
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Rapunzel

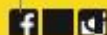
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## **Wembdon Parklands & Community Together**

**Charity registration number: 1184852**

### **The extraordinary wet weather conditions!**

It has been very challenging for the PACT team, our helpers, contractors and the landscaping team to work, due to the excessive rainfall. Despite this, everyone has persevered and made good use of their time when there have been dry days.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for all the mud and tyre tracks, which have been unavoidable, due to the saturated ground conditions, and to thank everyone for your patience and words of encouragement. Please be reassured, the team will be making this good by scraping the tracks flat now and levelling and re-seeding in the spring.

What's been achieved so far:

- All the pathways have been completed and people of all abilities are using them.
- The fencing has been installed along the entrance to Oak Apple Drive, and the yellow self-closing gate works well and is easily seen in the dark.
- We have been granted planning permission for the 4 solar lights and the 2 CCTV cameras. The solar lights have been ordered and we are awaiting a date for fitting them.
- The magnificent mature trees have all been planted bar one, Lucie New is in the process of sourcing a mature red oak as a feature tree. This will be positioned opposite the NDR bridge entrance and donated by the Wembdon PACT team, as a part of the celebrations for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day, on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- Planting of the prairie meadow and orchard has been completed. The prairie plants are mostly perennials and will be popping back up to attract insects every year.
- The sensory borders are taking shape and the oak raised bed seats are being planted. The wood will age and turn a silvery



colour blending into its surroundings, surrounded by sensory plants.

- The educational nature trail wooden animal sculptures are on order and will be concealed in the greenery, for children to find and learn about the wildlife living in the local area.
- S. Roberts & Son, have kindly donated the tree stumps, needed to build the stumpery feature area. We are recycling the logs that are laying on the ground nearby within the stumpery. Some wooden post and bar fencing will be recycled and installed behind this area, allowing the badgers and foxes to enter the parklands from Oak Apple Drive but preventing vehicular access.
- The trustees have been planting approximately 200 spring bulbs under the triangular copse opposite the sensory borders. Fingers crossed we will see them in the spring.
- A big thank you to the volunteers from the Wembdon Give a Day team, who have been tidying up and planting bulbs under other trees around the nature walk.

Soon Lucie's team will begin planting the sensory borders and begin work on the stumpery. We are very pleased with the progress of the project and how it is coming together. We are receiving fabulous feedback from people as they walk through the area, which is very rewarding for all those working hard on the project.

The team would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New. Best wishes from the Wembdon PACT Team.



## St George's Parish Centre

We have had a busy few months here at the parish centre. There have been new activities started and old ones thriving. With the focus being on loneliness and isolation, I have been implementing new activities for all in the community. Along with our coffee shop which is open from 10-12 weekday mornings, we have a pop-up café on Tuesdays serving freshly made soup and other delicious lunch bits. Tuesday is also our crafty club day, running at the same time as coffee shop; come along have a chat, coffee and finish off something you have started at home or learn something new on the morning. Tea-time special runs once a month and offers older people the chance for a chat, listen to an invited speaker and eat cake! The cookery classes are going well, and I know the people coming along are enjoying the company and time spent cooking and preparing; and whatever we have cooked we then sit down and eat altogether. In the new year I shall be launching an additional pop-up café on a Friday just serving freshly made soup and a roll, and a repair café is in the pipeline. All our regular clubs welcome newcomers so do come along and try anything from bridge to art group to keep fit. If you would like any details of any of our clubs/cookery classes, please do not hesitate to pop in or email me. [Parishcentre@sgw.org.uk](mailto:Parishcentre@sgw.org.uk).

Please find below all of our Christmas services and it would be lovely to see you. All of us at St George's would like to wish all of you a Happy and blessed Christmas.

### List of services over the Christmas period:

22 <sup>nd</sup> December	4pm & 6.30pm	Carols by candlelight
24 <sup>th</sup> December	3pm & 4.30pm	Family carols Christingle (All age)
	11.30pm	Late Holy Communion
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We are also involved with other local groups in planning VE Day celebrations - more to follow.

The Trust will continue to run our regular Quiz Evenings, Craft Fairs, Children's Discos and our Monthly Coffee Mornings held on the first Tuesday in the month, from 9:30am to 12 noon.

For details of availability, pricing and regular classes please visit our website **[www.wembdonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.wembdonvillagehall.co.uk)**. For enquiries email **[lyn@wembdonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:lyn@wembdonvillagehall.co.uk)** or leave a message on **01278 458434** and we will get back to you. The Hall office is open every Wednesday evening from 6-8 pm.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas Season and health and happiness for 2020.

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## Do something amazing this year.

For many, the start of a new year brings an opportunity for reflection, fresh starts and change - but could you change a child's story this year?

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# Local contacts and information.

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

**Wembdon Stores:** tel: 01278 434815

**The Cottage Inn:** Opening hours Mon-Thurs 4:00pm – Close, Fri 2:00pm- Close,  
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**St George's Church office:** tel: 01278 423468 / Ed Moll tel: 01278 423647

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

**Wembdon Sunshiners Pre-school:** Jen Dodden 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

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