

Wembdon Parish Paper

Edition 7



Connecting with our community



The Cottage Inn – as it was before being destroyed by fire.

ACTION UP DATE.

We are delighted to welcome our new councillor, **Jason Woods** to represent Wembdon Victoria ward. A local family man, Jason has lived in the village for 7 years and is enthusiastic to join our pro-active team, representing residents & improving village life. Welcome Jason! 😊

The defibrillator for Wembdon has now been installed & operators training completed – see article within for more details.

Our new and improved website is now nearing completion and we plan to re-launch it by 1st May 2013 – see article within for more details and how to make contributions. Many thanks to Media Orb.

The few vacant allotments have been improved and are available to rent. As the weather warms up, if you are interested in “growing your own” please contact Owen, our PC Clerk – details on inside back cover.

WVHPFT project continues to progress & we will soon see activity on the fields. Please see the “Latest News” article for more information. The land in current ownership of Wembdon Parish Council (WPC) remains unchanged and its future remains solely in the ownership of WPC. We are keen to support the “Buy a Brick” initiative to give our entire community the chance to participate in this project. For more information please refer to the article enclosed.

In line with recent Government initiatives, WPC are debating the need for a Neighbourhood Plan. Wembdon has a current Parish Plan, developed after a consultation process in 2008. Watch this space!

It is with much sadness that we note the passing of Peter Lacey, Secretary of Somerset Association of Local Councils. A long-time friend and supporter to clerks, parish councils and SALC, Peter’s knowledge was unprecedented and he will be much missed for his humour and real presence.

Wembdon Community Association



Please also note that no Senior Citizen's outing this year instead a Summer Tea Afternoon on 22nd June see shop and posters earlier to the date



Please continue to join us to support this lively, fun and sociable evening at **The Cottage Inn on the last Tuesday of the month**. 7pm for a 7:30pm start. 4 people/team, £2.50pp. New challengers welcome. ☺

Wembdon Village Market



At the Parish Centre on the last Saturday of the month, 10-12noon.

Local produce combined with a cuppa and a chat. Please support local business enterprises and reduce your carbon footprint! For more info contact tel: 458434 ☺

Have You Got Yours?

Wembdon Village Hall
& Playing Fields Trust

'buy a brick'

Your chance to help build the future by supporting our 'buy a brick' initiative, bridging the final funding gap.

1 x BRICK = £25.00

All personal and/or business donations will be recorded on a permanent commemorative board.

(Donations can be anonymous if you prefer)

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Latest News



from the Wembdon Village Hall & Playing Fields Trust.

The Wembdon Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust now owns the part of the green wedge previously owned by S. Notaro Ltd. Once the legal registration of ownership at the Land Registry has been completed we will transfer ownership of the land to the Official Custodian for Charities.

When this has been done the Trust will still be responsible for the management of the land.

We have now secured funding for the main village hall building, the playing fields and the access from Homberg Way. We have enough money to build the hall, kitchen, cloakrooms, community room and two changing rooms. We are applying for additional funds to complete the upstairs young people's space, a wing for Sunshiners preschool & another wing with two more changing rooms. The foundations for these two wings will be part of the initial build.

The race is now on to complete tendering for the parts of the project and to appoint contractors so that we can start work. The first thing that will have to be done is to establish the access from Homberg Way.

If anyone would like to offer help with the project or with the on-going fundraising, it will be gratefully received. Please support the Buy a Brick campaign, the Pub Quiz, and the Village Market. Every contribution will help to make this a community facility that we can all be proud of.



Wembdon Allotments

With the allotments in the ownership of WPC, we oversee their maintenance and ensure proper use. Currently there are 6 allotments available to Wembdon residents. These plots are about to have a “make over”, being cleared and rotavated, to assist new tenants in making an easier start to begin planting. Throughout the day you will often find current enthusiasts tending their plots and willing to share their extensive knowledge. If you are interested, why not stroll up there, pass the time of day and enjoy the fantastic views over the Parrett estuary? The yearly rent for a plot is £35; our clerk will organise the payments and paperwork. Councillors’ Tom Thayer and Neil Harrison are also available to help with any queries. You can contact Neil on tel: 457549 (daytime & early evenings) if you would like to meet at the allotments to be shown around. Spring is coming and now is the perfect time to take up a healthy, rewarding hobby producing fresh fruit & veg! ☺



THE COTTAGE INN - WEMBDON

01278 423259



Christie and Paul welcome you to Wembdon's warm, friendly, village pub.

Relax in the comfortable leather sofas, have a meal in our small cosy restaurant or play pool or darts in the games room.

Why not stay over for a night or two?

We also offer Real 15 Breakfast at competitive rates.

88 Wembdon Hill, WEMBDON, TA8 7PZ

www.thecottageinnwembdon.co.uk

Club nights - last Tuesday every month
Acoustic Music - last Saturday every month
Look out for our regular events



@ Wembdon Village Website

Over the past few months Wembdon resident John Richards, of Media Orb (professional website designers), has been developing a new website alongside members of WPC.

The new website will replace the existing site on **1st May 2013** and will keep the www.wembdon.org address.

Consideration has been given to developing a site that benefits the whole village. The old site had a lot of Parish Council information but a lack of up to date village information.

The new site will still have a Parish Council presence but also sections for clubs, groups, local businesses and village services, up to date information about the new village hall and playing field development, village footpaths, shared memories, and a diary for village events.

Please take a look from 1st May 2013 and if you have any comments or suggestions we would welcome them. Email dbingham360@gmail.com



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Wembdon now has a potentially lifesaving Defibrillator

Hopefully everyone saw the Bridgwater Mercury article a few weeks ago. This note is to clarify how we might make best use of the equipment in the future.

A defibrillator is a portable, battery operated machine designed to give immediate support when a persons' heart has stopped beating. Two pads are attached to the body and the machine attempts to shock the heart into life whilst the ambulance is on its way.

The defibrillator is housed just inside the doorway to our Post Office. Norman has very kindly offered this base and anyone in the village is welcome to make use of it if such an emergency arises. The St.

John's Ambulance Service provided a 6 hour training day to 5 adults in the village which included detailed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and all 5 are available in an emergency.

The policy and guidelines are given on the opposite page. There are no strict guidelines about age restrictions when using the machine but it is sensible that operators should be 18 years and over. It is also important to inform Neil if you have used it, as the defibrillator must be made ready for the next usage immediately.

Trained Adults:

Neil Harrison (Parish Councillor) tel: 457549

Chrissie McKenzie (Cottage Inn) tel: 07929085306

Hazel Percy (Opp Post Office) tel: 07816865178

Esther Thayer (Wares Lane) tel: 07967822954

Jo Sellick (Blakes Rd) tel: 07938068840

Please note: the volunteers above are not to be called for general first aid situations. We are keen for other adults to also be trained – please contact Neil for further details. **The defibrillator is available for use during P.O. opening hours, from 5am- 9pm daily.**

Policy for use of our village defibrillator. In the event of someone suffering a cardiac arrest (the heart stops) please follow these guidelines:

- 1) FIRST dial 999 to inform the Emergency Services. The defibrillator must NOT replace these services; it is in place to assist with 1st aid whilst the ambulance is on its way.
- 2) Dial one of the numbers on the list to contact a trained adult. Time is of the essence & it is important to begin CPR & get the defibrillator connected ASAP.
- 3) Collect the defibrillator from the Post Office & hurry to the scene.
- 4) If a trained adult is on the way let them take control. If you are confident to administer 1st Aid then do not waste time waiting. Begin CPR & use the defibrillator. The instructions for use are VERY clear; you are “talked” through the process by the machine.
- 5) Keep going until the Emergency Services arrive. It is important to do exactly as the machine tells you to.

The defibrillator is very clever! It will not let you harm a patient; it will decide when to provide the appropriate shock, and only shock when necessary. It will tell you to stand clear when it is about to shock.



Grateful thanks to County Councillor John Edney for providing funding for this potentially life-saving equipment and the training.



Photograph:
Bridgwater
Mercury. CC John
Edney presents
the defibrillator
to PCLlrs Neil
Harrison and Dr
Anne Reed, and
Post –master
Norman Parsons.



Notes from a Councillor

Cllr Terry Thake

Footpaths & Highways

Playing Fields

Planning

It is almost 2 years since I joined WPC. Married with 3 children, I have lived in Wembdon Village for 9 years after re-locating from N.London. Not quite a local yet, we have settled permanently and feel established in the community. I work at St. George's school, which allows me to interact with many residents, and have 3 children - all of whom attended St. George's, with the eldest now being at Chilton Trinity. Bringing up a child with special educational needs provides me with great understanding as to the unique requirements families like ours face and I hope I am able to reflect this in my work on the council. Fed up with just moaning behind closed doors about the way things were I decided to get involved and help make things happen. In reality this has been very insightful, learning the processes and procedures of council. It has been both frustrating - with the time constraints and red tape, but also rewarding – seeing things get done and giving the local man a voice. I especially enjoy the practical aspects of Parish council life and can often be seen walking around the village and footpaths checking out what needs to be done and observing issues to be addressed. Selected to represent Wembdon Victoria ward, I have particular interest in residents' concerns in this area and raising awareness of their issues. I very much enjoy being a part of this team, with a "get-it-done" attitude wherever possible, so please continue to bring your thoughts and concerns to our attention so we can try to resolve them and improve our village. Many thanks – Terry.

Let's support - **The Cottage Inn** - our local pub.

In days gone by there were a number of 'watering holes' in Wembdon, dispensing hospitality to travellers. The Cottage Inn may be the oldest, traced to 1743. In 1860 it was also a grocers & is the only public house still in business in the village today. The Rest & be Thankful was trading in 1856, The Templers' Inn was trading in 1861, later becoming the Rock House Inn, now a private dwelling. Little is known about The Wembdon Inn which adjoined the smithy & was replaced by Hoxton House in 1889.

Winter 2011 – spring 2013

Chrissie Melhuish & her partner Paul moved into The Cottage Inn almost 18 months ago in 2011. Chrissie, a former advocate & teacher for people with severe learning disabilities, always longed for a pub /restaurant business. The couple searched the length & breadth of the A303 for over a year before finding Somerset's best kept secret, The Cottage Inn in Wembdon.

Since moving in, the couple have stamped their mark by refurbishing the tired & weary lounge. The banquet seating is replaced by comfy leather sofas, old wooden wall panelling cleaned up & brought back to life, and the fireplace revamped to add a cosy glow on chilly nights.

The games room is in the midst of a facelift & will soon be finished. This room will be suitable for children as the lounge bar is purely for "grown-ups" & adult conversation. On the sunny south facing terrace, there are new picnic tables, enabling walkers & sun worshippers to sip their drinks & watch the world go by.

If you have a couple of business hours to while away, step inside for a coffee & make use of the free WIFI.

Chrissie & Paul are keen to be involved in village life & wholly support local organisations; hosting the WVHPFT quiz night & charity fundraisers for Secret World. Folk music is a passion for Chrissie & The Cottage Inn hosts regular music nights. An acoustic evening with Paul Sweeting is held on the last Saturday of every month, where you can play, sing or just join in. Look out for featured events nights.

The latest news is that, a chef has been appointed for the newly named "Copper Pot" restaurant. Andrew McKenna will open the kitchen on Wed/Thurs/Fri & Saturday evening 6pm- 8:15pm & for Sunday lunch 12:15-2:30pm. Traditional pub grub will be served, with a few "specials", sourcing locally bought fresh produce where possible. Remember, The Cottage Inn has B&B rooms. If you have relatives or friends visiting in Wembdon a small resident's price concession can be made to the usual tariff.

For reservations or enquiries please call The Cottage Inn

Tel: 01278 423259 / 07929 085 306

Visit: www.thecottageinnwembdon.co.uk

Wembdon St George's Church

In Narnia it was “always winter but never Christmas” until the news came that “Aslan is on the move”. In Wembdon it has felt more like “always winter but never Easter” as far as the weather was concerned! As far as hope is concerned, the winter ended with that first Easter weekend with a man who resolutely refused to remain dead. Jesus went into the grave, came out the other side and his new life defines day to day reality for Christians. Come and see!

Special Events.

On Sunday 19th May at 7.00pm, the churches of Bridgwater are holding a Pentecost Celebration at Chilton Trinity School, with Henry Olonga as our guest.

Our own Wembdon Summer Season kicks off on Saturday 8th June. Join us for a Quiz Night, a musical evening with Simeon Wood, an evening of “What would Jesus say to...” and a musical evening. Further details on the church website www.sgw.org.uk or in Church, any Sunday at 10:30am. Families very welcome.

Parish Centre Redevelopment.

Nearly one hundred people attended the Consultations in January over the plans to redevelop the Coffee Shop, Youth and Community Room, and Scout Hut at St George's Parish Centre. The responses were overwhelmingly favourable. All the helpful comments have been taken into account and revised plans have been drawn up and submitted for Planning Permission.



An evening of music and comedy

Simeon Wood

at

Wembdon Parish Centre,
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Friday, June 14th
at 7.30 pm

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Speed Watch



With the ever increasing flow of traffic through our village, the safety and well-being of all our road users and pedestrians is paramount. The volume and speed of traffic needs to be monitored and recorded in order for us to gather data to apply for mitigating funds which will help us protect our village and improve the safety for all residents.

You will have noticed the new signs in key locations, and we are hoping to access a Variable Speed Device (VSD) to alert motorists when they exceed our village speed limit.

In order to carry out this work we **URGENTLY** need more volunteers to assist this extremely valuable and worthwhile team. If you can offer a few hours to support Speed Watch *please* contact WPC clerk. Many thanks. 😊

News from Sedgmoor by Cllr A Bown and Cllr I Dyer

District Councillors for Wembdon & Cannington

Hinkley: Planning Permission was granted on 19th March. This heralds significant opportunities as well as challenges for the coming decade. We are working hard to see that the full benefits are felt locally and disruption is kept to a minimum. We will be working closely with the community and EDF Energy to deliver this nationally important project.

Community Benefit from Nuclear New Build: Sedgemoor District Council (SDC) has been leading the campaign for community benefit from new nuclear. We have done the groundwork to establish this principle and get it accepted at governmental level.

West Quay: The main wall works are progressing well; with Crestmoor now back on site. Both weather and water levels have been closely monitored over recent months in order to get works completed ASAP.

Stear Reclamation: After the adverse weather conditions, work has now re-commenced at Steart and it is envisaged that the earthworks will finish in August.

Bridgwater Hospital: This is progressing well and due to open in spring 2014. There are still no firm proposals for the existing hospital as yet.

Express Park / Police HQ: This is progressing well and should be delivered on time – autumn 2013. The police still have to make provision for a presence in the town and are in discussion with SDC and BTC.

Swimming Pool: This opened on time and under budget.

Thank you for your help and support, best wishes – Ann & Ian



Know Your Parish Councillors.



Mike Solomon, Julia Riddle, Neil Harrison, Anne Reed, Lorraine Burge, Tom Thayer & Joanna Jackson represent Wembdon Wembdon ward. Terry Thake, Dan Bingham & Jason Woods represent Wembdon Victoria ward



Quantock Hills News Release



Keep your dog under close control this Spring.

From 1st March dog owners are required by law to keep their dogs on a lead when being walked across Open Access land. Please remember that at this time of year sheep & lambs are at their most vulnerable. It is not just physical attacks that cause harm. If your dog does kill or cause harm to livestock, you can be liable for a significant fine and for the value of the livestock harmed. Moreover, if your dog is actually seen harassing livestock it could be destroyed on sight. If you witness an attack in progress, call **999**. Otherwise any incidents witnessed should be reported to the Police on **0845 456 7000** or directly to the Quantock Hills AONB Office on **01823 451884**.

For information on enjoying the countryside please visit

www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk To find out more about the Quantock Hills AONB visit www.quantockhills.com Thank you for your cooperation.

Community Policing

Our local PCSO's addressed the PC and were pleased to report crime remains low in Wembdon.

Call **101** for non-emergency & anti-social incidents.

Call **999** for life threatening events.

Did you know?

We print 1600 copies of the Parish Paper which are hand delivered to every household by your Parish Councillors. We hope it is informative!

Good news!

At 57pence per week per household, Wembdon Parish Council is still one of the cheapest parish councils locally. 😊

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VOUCHERS NEEDED!

Wembdon Football Club is now registered to collect vouchers and would love to receive any you have spare. Please drop them off at 21 Wembdon Rise or call 433868



20 People needed!

Wembdon Village Hall & Playing Fields Trust is appealing for 20 people willing to volunteer to sell Bridgwater Carnival programmes on the night. If you're willing to get involved and support this fundraising opportunity please contact Lyn
(01278) 458434



Wembdon Post Office and Stores.



Don't forget – we now supply lottery products!



**Opening hours 5am-9pm
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Parish Centre.

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We have a Spring in our step for the...

Spring Term 2013

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For more information, contact Lola...

Phone: (01278) 429397 Txt: 07843 030 883 Email: lola-fisher@hotmail.com

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Wembdon Cricket Club



Wembdon Cricket Club will be hoping the 2013 summer is a lot dryer than the weather experienced last year. Outdoor training for all gets under way in April with several pre-season friendlies and a tour to St.Ives, Cornwall.

The league season opens at the start of May for all youth, ladies and men's teams.

The club will be hoping to emulate 2012 success when two promotions were achieved. One focus this year will be promotion for the 1stXI who finished runners-up in the Somerset Premier League in 2012. Under new leadership and with several new recruits strengthening the club, the mood is good.

If you or your child(ren) would like to join Wembdon Cricket Club please contact **Dan Bingham - 078410 13128** or email wembdoncricket@gmail.com

Coaching and Practice sessions take place as follows:

Junior age 6-11 Tues 5pm-6.15pm. **Junior age 11-15** Tues 6.30pm-8pm.

Women & Girls (all ages) Mon 5.30pm-7pm. **Men**, Thurs 6pm-8pm.

New players, Juniors & Seniors, always welcome; we run 6 Junior teams, 6 men's & 1 ladies side, providing cricket for all levels.



Wembdon Football Club

It has been a tough season for all the Wembdon football clubs. The weather has played havoc with the fixture lists. Leagues which are normally finished in March are still on-going with fixtures taking place in May!

Despite this, several teams have experienced success with many of our junior clubs involved in cup final days at Bishops Lydeard on Saturday 27th April. In the youth section the U13 & U14 teams have both reached their respective cup finals which take place on Sunday 5th May at the home of Bridgwater Town. Kick-off is 10.30 & 1.00 respectively. The U14 team have also wrapped up the eagle title.

The U15 girls team have had a tremendous season finishing 3rd behind only Yeovil and Bishops Lydeard, the two premier girls teams in Somerset.

Many teams will continue to train throughout the summer months and shortly, next year's U6 team will commence training. If you have a son or daughter interested in playing football then please call **Nick Searle, Wembdon Development Officer on 01278 445044**

Dates for your diary

Parish council Meetings 13th May, 10th June,
8th July 2013 (Dates subject to change.)

Produce Market 27th April, 25th May, 29th
June, 27th July

Pub quiz 30th April, 28th May, 25th June, 30th
July

Contact your Parish Council

website: www.wembdon.org

email: clerk@wembdon.org

Visit our Facebook page Wembdon parish council

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Post: Mr Owen Cullwick

32 Oak Tree Place, Burnham on Sea,
Somerset, TA8 2LH

Phone: 01278 794463



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ROAD SWEEPING

Road sweeping in
Wembdon will take
place on the
following dates:

Thurs 16th May 2013

Thurs 20th June 2013

Thurs 18th July 2013

Please check the
website for the route;
if we are able to
reduce parking on
the streets on these
days we'll have a
better result &
cleaner streets!



Any Concerns?



What can your Parish Council do for you and your village? Does it need improving, installing, repairing, reviewing or removing? Please let us know about any issues or aspects of village life which we may be able to attend to. We welcome your positive feedback as well, so why not let us know if we did a good job too!

Advertise here. To advertise here or for more information please contact Tom Thayer via email: clerk@wembdon.org

A5: ½ page £20 ¼ page £10 mini £5 (b&w). If you would like to submit an entry about your club or village event please contact the Communication Team via WPC, as above.

Local contacts and information.

Wembdon community Association (WCA): Clive Kett tel: 01278 423229

Wembdon Stores: Opening hours Mon-Sun 5:00am – 9:00pm (except Bank Holidays) 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

Beavers / Cubs / Scouts: Group Leader John Ennals tel: 07703 033 947

Brownies: Leader Carol Jarman tel: 01278 445268

Guides: Leader Marilyn Hellier tel: 07946 479 899

Cricket club: Email: wembdoncricket@gmail.com

Youth Team Co-ordinator – Dan Bingham tel: 07841 013 128

Senior Cricket, pavilion hire, sponsorship & enquiries - Dan Bingham

Ladies Cricket – Coraley Dunn tel: 01278 434479

Football club: Development Officer Nick Searle tel: 01278 445044

Wembdon Ladies: Ann Collett tel: 01278 451187

Wembdon Toddlers: Thurs 10am-12noon Dawn Brett tel: 01278 422809

Ladies keep Fit: Mon 10:00am-11:00am Viv Tolcher tel: 01278 424491

Art Group: Tues 10:00am-12:30pm Kay Robbins tel: 01278 423212

Jay Singers: Tues 7:45pm Tim Loveday tel: 01278 425422

U3A Bridge: Thurs 1:45pm Ernie Whitehead tel: 01278 424134

Travel Line: (local bus information) 0871 200 22 33