

# Wembdon Parish Paper

Edition 9



Connecting with our community



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

**from**



**Wembdon Parish Council**



## **ACTION UPDATE.**

Sedgemoor County Council have agreed to put in car counting strips to measure the amount of traffic currently using Wembdon Hill and Wembdon Rise before the works on constructing a roundabout at Sandford Corner commence.

WPC are working with residents to reduce traffic speeds through the Village.

The basketball hoop has been replaced in the playing fields. We are in the process of obtaining quotes for improvement or repair of the playing surfaces in the playground.

WPC are continuing to explore a Neighbourhood Plan for Wembdon. As this will need to be in consultation with Villagers, we have postponed further work on this until 2014.

The first of our Jubilee Oak trees has now been planted and will be protected with a Tree Protection Order. Additional thanks to Dave Agate and John from Monkton Elm. See photo within.

The new website is taking shape nicely with new events and information added regularly. Please visit [www.wembdon.org](http://www.wembdon.org) to have a look and get your event, local business or club included.

A build-up of leaves on the roads and pavements is a seasonal hazard. Please see dates within for street sweeping.

In preparation for winter, we have filled all our grit bins and are considering the provision of additional bins to meet the Village needs.

# Wembdon Community Association

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at the Parish Centre 8pm

Everyone Welcome!

WCA raise funds for organisations within the village and arrange events for the local community including Village Day & the Fireworks Spectacular. In the last five years we have allocated in excess of £27,400 in donations and events for the local community. Please continue to support us & our events. Why not come along to the AGM & get involved.



## **Carols on the Common.**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

Hosted by Wembdon Community Association and St Georges Church with the Salvation Army Band.

Please come and join us for a festive sing along followed by refreshments. ☺

Meet up at Chatham House, Wembdon Rise at 6.15pm to sing carols for the residents, before moving on for Carols on the Common 7:15 -7:30pm.



## **Christmas /New Year's Lunch.**

Hosted by **Wembdon Community Association.**

If you live in Wembdon Village and are in receipt of State Pension please join us on

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

at the Parish Centre  
12noon for 12.30pm.

See the list at Wembdon Stores from 9<sup>th</sup> December or ring Pat tel: (01278) 457760.



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## Hedges & Edges!

This is a subject we receive many complaints about. Hedges are growing over many of the pavements. Where greenery is identified as impeding footpaths & pavements, the owner will now receive a polite written request asking them to address it. If no action is taken, it may be necessary for the council to organise contractors & invoice the owner. So please consider your fellow residents & get hedges cut back.



# Wembdon Village Allotments Update.

We very much hope you have been able to make it up to the allotments to enjoy the hard work and labours of all our green fingered growers. The plots are looking fabulous, well-tended and productive. We take our hats off to all those involved in running this village amenity so successfully and hope the harvests were fruitful! The new fencing and gates now border the area, the wire is hopefully making it awkward for the rabbits, and the track has been widened. Wander up and take a look... it's well worth the effort! 😊





# Wembdon Village Christmas Market

November 30<sup>th</sup> 10am-12noon

at the Parish Centre. Free entry.

New stalls with crafts and gift ideas.

Come and join us for some festive cheer and a cuppa with a mince pie.

Please support your Village and buy locally.

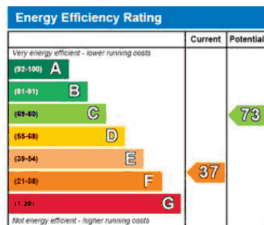


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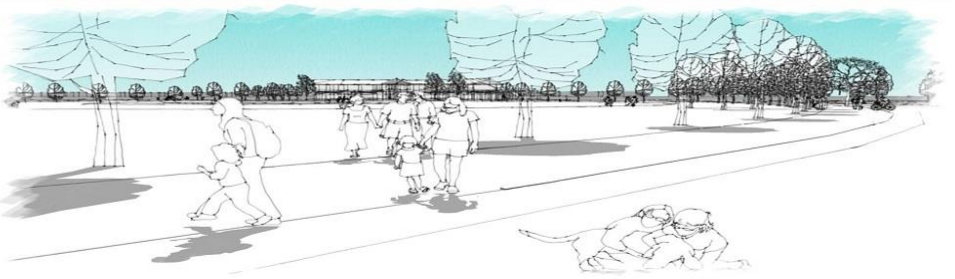
**James Loxton**

Landline 01278 429898

Mobile 07889 141 750



# Wembdon Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust



## Annual General Meeting

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014

at the Parish Centre 8pm



An excellent collaboration between Cllr Thayer and resident Gloria Durston sees the first Jubilee Oak planted on the green at Lyndhurst Crescent; a fabulous symbol of the Council and Community working together to make our village a better place for us all to live and enjoy.

## Notes from a Councillor



### Cllr Jason Woods

Highways & Speed Watch

Planning

Communication – website.

It's amazing what can happen when you stop and read one of our village notice boards. I did just that and now 8 months later, I am a very busy Councillor and committee member of the Wembdon Village Hall & Playing Field Trust. In that time I've learned much about the Parish and the people that make Wembdon one of the best places to live in the area. I'm a member of the Armed Forces and moved here from Taunton 10 years ago. In that time I met Allison, got married and now have two children, Elodie who will be starting school next year and Harry who is 4 months old. Having a young family forces you to use the local services and facilities and with it you quickly become part of the community. For me engendering a sense of community spirit in my locality is what has driven me to join WPC. I want to live in an area where people have respect for others and their surroundings. As well as being part of the Planning and Highways Committee I also represent Wembdon Victoria Ward. I am always happy to act on any concerns or issues or even to just stop and chat about what is going on within the Parish. I can be contacted via the WPC website [Wembdon.org](http://Wembdon.org) it's worth adding to your favourites. I have recently taken up the mantle to invigorate the website and I am adding new information on local events every day. Please feel free to contact me with any local information, photos or ideas that you may have. I will be adding a volunteering page to the website soon, volunteering has many benefits and it's a great way to get to know the people you live with. The past 6 months since co-option has been busier than I had imagined, apart from WPC business I have acted as the Village representative for the Forces March, volunteered to assist with Village Day, organised Carnival parking and erected goal posts, as well as delivering the Parish Paper. The next 6 months will prove to be even busier no doubt with the commencement of the Village Hall project and EDF related road improvements. Many thanks – Jason.



# Give A Day.

Another fantastic day organised by Cllr Harrison, saw Villagers, Councillors & a team from the Plymouth Brethren Church join together to give a day for the village. The morning comprised an extensive litter pick through the village & filling the multiple holes covering the playing fields created by the dry weather.



The PBCC team also helped clear a path alongside the village allotments by cutting back overgrown vegetation. We would like to thank them for their support, hard work and enthusiasm. The camaraderie, community spirit and pride in our village made this a thoroughly enjoyable day for all. Thank you everyone! 😊

# St George's Church, Wembdon.



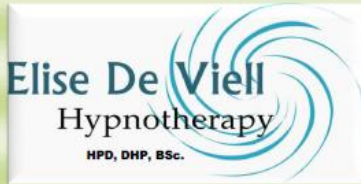
I would like to share news of these events with you.

Remembrance Sunday will be on November 10<sup>th</sup> and there will be a short Act of Remembrance on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at the 10.30am service, all are welcome. *(Due to Editors delay this has passed, apologies to all -Editor)*

On Saturday 16th November at 7pm at Chilton Trinity School there will be a Concert called God's Love for You! The concert consists of songs, readings, videos and dance depicting key events in the Bible. The music has been composed especially for the event and involves members of many Churches throughout the Bridgwater area. You do not need to know anything about Christianity or the Bible to enjoy this event. Entry is free and invitations are available if you would like to know more. Contact Mary Rowe 453097

The Parish Centre redevelopment project made a great start with a superb church gift day raising gifts and pledges of over £40,000. We are now busy with the next stages of the project design and raising the remaining finances. In the meantime the Parish Centre is open as usual, including the Coffee Shop every morning Mon-Fri, 10am-12noon. Finally, Christmas is not far away. Our 'Missing Piece' Nativity is on 8<sup>th</sup> December, Carols by Candlelight on 22<sup>nd</sup> December and our popular Family Carols on Christmas Eve as usual. Everyone is warmly welcome. Do look out for posters and cards next month.

Ed Moll St George's Church (423468) [www.sgw.org](http://www.sgw.org)



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## Wembdon Road Sweeping



**November 25th 2013.**

Dates for Dec & Jan TBC due to BH's & the holiday period.

With the build-up of leaves at this time of year, please try to reduce parking on the streets on sweeping days. We will have better results and cleaner streets if the sweeper is not obstructed. Thank you ☺



## POLITE REQUEST POLITE REQUEST POLITE REQUEST

One of the subjects we hear about most frequently at the Parish Council is parking in and around Inwood Road at school times. We understand that all schools attract a considerable amount of traffic and this is mostly at the key drop-off and pick-up times.

However, residents are repeatedly being inconvenienced by inconsiderate and thoughtless parking. **Please, please, please** spare a thought for fellow residents - park appropriately and avoid blocking or over-hanging people's driveways.

Your co-operation is appreciated. Thank you ☺

**WEMBDON PHONE BOX!** It has come to our attention that the phone box (now card operated only) is in a state of disrepair and neglect. WPC invites your views please as to how the village would like to us to proceed with this. Repair and maintain, or remove it? Let us know!







Over 100 Wembdon Cricket Club members, friends & family enjoyed a carvery, speeches & presentations in celebration of a successful season.

Wembdon Cricket Club had an exceptional season with 1stXI WEPL Somerset Premier Champions, 2ndXI SCL Division 3 Runners up and 3rdXI SCL Division 8S Runners Up. 4thXI SCL Division 8N 3rd.

The club also reached a major T20 Cup final, played at The County Ground, Taunton.

All this culminated in the Wembdon Cricket Club being crowned 'Somerset Club of the Year' at the Somerset League Dinner.

Plans are afoot for 2014 which will see the club play at its highest ever level involving some stunning venues including Taunton Vale, Brislington, Frenchay and Bedminster.



BR, L-R Jack Syvret (Young Clubman), Matt Hubbard (Young Player of the Year), Rob Whiterod (Hon. Life Member), Stephen Pigden (3rdXI Batter & Players Player), Brendan Pope (1stXI Bowler), Richie Weber (4thXI Batter), Paul Cook (Chairmans Award), Dan Bingham (Sunday Batter & Bowler), Claire Matthews (Ladies Cup) Middle, L-R Tom Lott (2ndXI Bowler, Batter, Players Player & president's Trophy), Karl Trunks (Match Winning Performance), Tash Puddy (Ladies Batter), Kieran Cosens (3rdXI Bowler), Sam Puddy (1stXI Batter) Front, L-R Prakash Joshi (Paul Donoghue Award), Richard Eckley (Fielder of the Year & 1stXI Players Player), Max Weston (4thXI Bowler), Lois Sellick (Ladies Players Player)



Pictured above – junior trophy winners





## 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



## Defibrillation Trained Adults Contact Numbers



**Neil Harrison (Parish Councillor) tel: 457549**

**Chrissie Melhuish (Cottage Inn) tel: 07929085306**

**Hazel Percy (Opp Post Office) tel: 07816865178**

**Esther Thayer (Wares Lane) tel: 07967822954**

**Jo Sellick (Blakes Rd) tel: 07938068840**

## Community

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Call **999** for life threatening events.



## Wembdon Post Office and Stores.



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## Parish Centre.

For Parish Centre bookings, information and enquiries contact

**Pat Bright**  
**(01278)457760**

## Diary Dates at a Glance.

**WCA AGM** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**Road sweeping** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Wembdon Christmas Market** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Carols on the Common** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**Parish council Meetings** 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013, 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014 (dates subject to change).

**WVHPFT AGM** Monday 6th Jan 2014.



## Contact your Parish Council

website: [www.wembdon.org](http://www.wembdon.org)

email: [clerk@wembdonpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wembdonpc.co.uk)

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**Post:** Mr Owen Cullwick, 32 Oak Tree Place, Burnham on Sea,  
Somerset, TA8 2LH **Phone:** 01278 794463



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Caroline Fretwell Email: [englandbirdie@aol.com](mailto:englandbirdie@aol.com)

tel:07736045967

**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