

Wembdon Parish Paper Edition 33



Images of Wembdon Allotments

WEMBDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Good News to announce at last!

We are happy to announce that, assuming the “Lockdown” easing remains on programme, we are planning to recommence our programme of events for 2021.



All events will remain subject to COVID 19 restrictions, but if all goes well the following events are to be scheduled:

Senior Citizen’s Bingo Tea – Saturday 26th June at 2.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Face masks may still be required as a precaution and attendees should have received both vaccinations (unless medically exempt).

Wembdon Village Day – Monday 30th August, 12.00 – 4.30 p.m. at “The Green”. Unfortunately, just for this year there will be no Flower Show, however there will be a local Scarecrow Competition with a “Heroes” theme, and events for all the family which will take place on the Playing Fields and within the Village Hall (see poster opposite).

Annual Grand Fireworks Display – Saturday 30th October in the “Auction Field”. We are hoping that by this date we will be able to stage this spectacular event as normal in the “Auction Field” in Blakes Road.

Please keep an eye out for the posters and brochures dropping through your letterbox.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.
Graham Grief, WCA Chairman.

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Allotment News May 2021

Wembdon Allotments are such an asset to the village. It is a delight to see the improvements of the allotment site since the beginning of last year.

Diseased trees were removed, areas cleared, and the site cleared of plastic and other detritus. The allotments are looking good and will become even more colourful and interesting over the summer months.

The growing season is upon us, allotment holders are busy sowing and planting a variety of crops. The allotment community has grown over the winter, new tenants have taken over vacated plots bringing them back into life and productivity. What a great job they are doing, the allotments are flourishing.

Spring has had its up and downs, mainly due to the weather. The blossom on the fruit trees was superb this year, happily it was not affected by the frosts of early April. Gales brought some damage to some sheds and blew loose things about a bit. March and April were dry months, and May has been the opposite.

As gardeners know, the weeds and grass love the rain and the warmer temperatures, which is always a challenge.

The allotment holders are a hardy bunch and are making the best of things. There is always plenty to do followed by short spells of sitting back to enjoy the scenery, wild life and fruits of their labour.

There has been a continued interest in renting an allotment. The commitment and hard work required to keep plots in good condition are outstripped by the benefits to health both physical and mental.

If you would like to go on the waiting list for a plot, please contact Dianne Claydon d.claydon@wembdon.org

Wembdon St George's Church School - Celebrating our local school

Shining together to be the best we can be for God and for each other

We are excited to share with you all the wonderful things that are happening at Wembdon St George's Church School.

Our school is formed by two teams, 'Team Knights' and 'Team Dragons', children earn points for their teams in recognition of their behaviour and attitudes.

We have a close relationship with St George's Church and enjoy sharing worship with them every week.

Covid couldn't stop us....now we can work together on Zoom.

Throughout the year we have raised money for local, national and international charities.

Our 'whole child' approach to education recognises the importance of relationships, and the importance of social and emotional development in children, particularly after this period of instability. We prioritise the children's wellbeing above all and support them in right time development.

Outdoor learning is one of the things our children enjoy most. We work with sports coaches, cricket clubs and bikeability to name a few. From our very youngest to our very oldest children, there is an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors whether following a trim trail, playing team games or whizzing round the playground on a scooter (with a helmet of course).

Of course, the school plays a central role in our local community and our Governors play an important role in maintaining a strong school-community link.

The Governors work closely with the school to support it, but also to provide challenge in a constructive way. Governors observe the school in action, monitor its performance and ensure the best use is made of its resources.

As our Chair of Governors said "I am incredibly proud of Wembdon St George's and proud of being part of it. I would thoroughly recommend becoming a Governor as a way of contributing to your local community, using and developing your own skills and experience, and because of the sense of pride it gives in supporting young people achieve their potential."

We are now looking for some enthusiastic volunteers who would like to join us as part of the Governing Body as we move forward with the next stage of our journey.

Please contact the school if you would like to find out more about becoming a governor or developing a community partnership.

St George's church and Parish Centre

We hope that by the time you read this the return to in-person church services will be well under way. The regular congregation have had to take turns as there is not space for everyone to attend at the same time if we keep to social distancing. If you wish to attend a church service, please try to let us know (minco@sgw.org.uk) although we will always keep a couple of spaces for 'walk-ins' and we're always available for a chat.



At the parish centre we are just starting to reopen with our community groups slowly but surely. The Coffee Shop is now open on a Mon, Wed and Fri 10-12, we would love to see some new faces popping in. I have been putting together some new projects for the parish centre and I am looking forward to getting stuck in. One of these new ventures is Wilder Churches, this is a new partnership initiative between Somerset Wildlife Trust and the Diocese of Bath and Wells.



It is supporting communities to get to know the wildlife in their local churchyard and work together to find ways to increase the value of these special places for wildlife. We will be holding an open day in June for anyone to come along; there will be some surveying of wildlife and collecting of bugs to see what we have all within the churchyard (note: we will be letting them all go again). Watch this space for the date. The pond will also be treated to some new fencing and later in the year a clean out and investigation as to what species we have.

Parklands News!

The trustees are delighted to announce that we have successfully raised our contribution towards the installation of CCTV in the parklands. It was always part of the plans and agreement with Wembdon Parish Council, that we would endeavour to raise part of the costs towards the protection of the public using the parklands and its facilities. We have taken advice from the local police and can assure that the data is stored in a secure facility and is strictly controlled as to who has access to it. We would like to thank you the public who gave very generously to our appeals during lockdown. We were also given a very generous donation from a local business and would like to say a massive thank you to Shirley & Richard Ball proprietors of TWF, Three Ways Fire Prevention Services Limited. We are working with WPC and hope to begin installing the equipment in the summer.

We have also secured funding to re-design and revive the planting plans. Starting with the sensory borders that were severely affected by the tremendous rainfall of winter 2019, when so many plants died, and some destroyed by vandals. The sensory borders will be dug over and weeded, a good layer of topsoil will be added, and we will replant the borders using a good natural fertilizer and then cover in bark to keep weeds down. The plan is to have plants of interest all year round, with an evergreen framework mixed with native planting and annuals. There will be plenty of architectural shapes, textures and scented plants for all to enjoy and to encourage insects to thrive.

We are looking for volunteers who would like to help us with these improvements. If you can give 2 hours of your time on any Sunday morning between 10.30 - 1.30pm, please get in touch by email, wembdonpact@gmail.com or telephone Lorna on 07917101990.



Wembdon Parklands & Community Together

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WEMBDON SPEED WATCH

Data from March 20th to May 24th from the **solar SID on Wembdon Rise.**

The data shows we have had 110,746 vehicle movements during that period, so the data is very reliable.

Average Speed is now **24.37 mph** – prior to this as measured by the mobile SID, it had been **25.66 mph.**

Our 85th percentile is now **27 mph** (that's the average speed for 85% of drivers) whereas in July 2020, prior to the solar SID being installed, it was **31.4 mph.**

We are still getting the high-end speeders with **132 vehicles** travelling between **46-65 mph** during this period, just less than 100 yards from the zebra crossing.

The only thing which may slow these drivers down is the pillow top crossing which we know both ourselves and Cllr Mike Caswell are working hard to get funding and permission for, as part of the 'minor schemes' projects with Somerset County Council.

The new permanent solar SID, for the top of Sandford Hill, was installed on Friday 28th May and we hope this will have a positive effect at the top of the hill coming into the village.





***Request for Information ***

This 'Pop' bottle belongs to a parishioner in Perry Green.

It actually has 'Wembdon' on the bottle, but its background is unknown.

If you recognise this bottle or know its origin, please contact Cllr David Gliddon

d.gliddon@wembdon.org

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 12th July, 7.30pm at Wembdon Village Hall.

The public are warmly invited to attend.

Parish Councillor contacts

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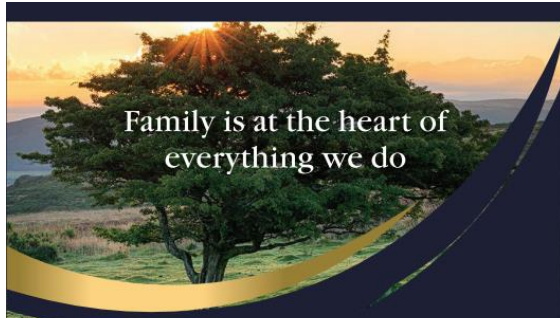
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