

Wembdon will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend



Her Majesty visiting Somerset in 2019

Parish Clerk's Notes



It has been a very busy few months for the Parish Council. We have been successful in obtaining grants of over £37,000 for the accessible swings which will be installed shortly. Wembdon will have one of the best equipped fully accessible playgrounds in the West of England which is a tremendous achievement for

those involved in the fund raising for this project. We also obtained a grant of £6,500 towards the extension to the Village Hall terrace. In our last edition we reported the public 'show of concern' at the zebra crossing in Wembdon Rise following an incident where a young girl had been knocked off her scooter whilst using the crossing. Due to the Parish Council's insistence, Somerset County Council Highways Department are now consulting with the Police with a view to reducing the speed limit to 20mph on Wembdon Rise and Wembdon Hill. Whilst nothing has been decided yet, this is promising news. What has been promised is that the belisha beacons will be upgraded to more conspicuous ones, as shown in the below illustration.

Most readers will be aware that massive changes are on the horizon in relation to local government in Somerset. The County Council won't exist after May 2023, along with all the District Councils including Sedgemoor. There is still great uncertainty how these changes will affect Parish Councils, but we can be sure of one thing. We will be expected to take on more responsibility for providing local services, with little or no funding being provided apart from that which parishioners pay in their Council Tax.



Please try and attend some or all of Wembdon's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. A lot of work has gone into their planning for your enjoyment, and they will be great fun!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend

2nd- 6th June 2022

Wembdon Parish Plans

Thursday 2nd June - Lighting of Beacon at 21.45 at the Allotments.

A specially commissioned metal beacon on a pole is being constructed, and will be fuelled with wood. We hope it will be visible for many miles, and we should be able to see other beacons lit over the Channel, into South Wales. Please come along and enjoy the sight, and perhaps call in at the Cottage Inn. The Parish Council thanks Evans Fabrications of Risedale Close, Wembdon for making the beacon and post and donating them to the Parish Council.

Friday 3rd June - Service at St George's Church at 2.30pm

A celebration/thanksgiving service is planned, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Friday 3rd June - An evening event at the Cottage Inn, with live music and a DJ to follow.

Dress up if you like, any era from the last seven decades.

Saturday 4th June - Retro Dance in the Village Hall

With 60's, 70's and 80's music. Between 8.00pm and 11.30pm.

Sunday 5th June - Party in the Park

The Royal Pageant will be shown on the wide screen TV in the Village Hall. This will include a Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival entry, so we hope to support our Town's contribution. During the afternoon, we are hoping that folk will bring their own picnics and enjoy the outdoors. For those who may have mobility or other issues, we are putting on some refreshments inside. Also included will be games for the children, and a Jubilee themed cupcake competition. We are asking for entries of six cupcakes, one to be judged and the rest to be shared with everyone. The seventh oak tree will be ceremonially planted by Dave Gamblin at 2.30 pm, in the Queen's copse (next to the Crossacre entrance to the Park).

All weekend

Decorate your house/front garden. Wembdon Community Association has arranged for a trophy to be awarded to the best entry. Entries are requested by Friday 27th May. Please see the advertisement in this magazine.

WEMBDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SENIOR CITIZENS 'WELCOME TO SPRING' DINNER



Following the painful decision to postpone the Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Dinner it was a pleasure to welcome sixty-two of our local senior citizens to the Parish Centre to enjoy a 'Welcome to Spring Dinner". Unfortunately, as expected with the increasing numbers of covid cases a small number were unable to attend due to isolation and we wish them a full recovery, certainly by the time this issue is released. The WCA were pleased once again to be able to contract the services of Vagabonds

Outside Catering who provided and served a delicious three course meal, freshly cooked on the premises with a choice of Starter and Dessert, followed by coffee. WCA members prepared the hall and were in attendance to provide copious amounts of wine and soft drinks.

At the end of the afternoon all who attended received a fresh bunch of daffodils to welcome the Springtime.



Judging by the comments received the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, although not all were able to drive themselves home because of the amount of fluid taken!

FUNDING

Funds raised by the WCA are used to provide services and events for the Wembdon community and to help fund projects and expenses within local voluntary groups. If there is a voluntary group in our local community who doesn't already benefit from their own fundraising at a WCA event that needs financial help please feel free to contact us at wembdon.community@btinternet.com and we will send you an application form, we may be able to help.

SENIOR CITIZENS FREE BINGO / TEA'S

Our Senior Citizens Free Bingo / Tea afternoons have grown in popularity and are continuing through the Summer. We have ten fun games of bingo with fun prizes interspersed with a break for a cup of tea, cake and a natter. During the break we hold a raffle which helps towards financing the afternoon. Future dates are Saturday 28th May, 25th June & 30th July starting at 2.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Why not give it a try? It's fun!

MEMBERSHIP

The Wembdon Community Association is a totally voluntary, non-profit making organisation. We like to think that our events are appreciated across the community and all profits from any of our activities are directed back into the community.

If we are to continue our work, we desperately need new members and new ideas. It is becoming more and more difficult to continue events like Wembdon Village Day and our Grand Fireworks Display with our highly dedicated but limited membership. More members would mean that we could share the load more evenly resulting in a minimal workload on any one individual. We will be meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 26th May, 23rd June and 28th July. **Please come along if you would be interested in joining us or if you think you can help in any way. Or drop an email to wembdon.community@btinternet.com or ring Graham on 01278 457973.**

The Queen's Copse

To commemorate the Queen's seventy years on the throne, Wembdon Parish Council is planning to plant a stand of oak trees. There will be an additional five trees which have been provided by Sedgemoor District Council as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, and they will join the two existing fairly mature oaks which are already on the site near the entrance to the park area from Crossacre.

The idea is to have seven oaks to commemorate and celebrate the seven decades of Queen Elizabeth II reign. Planting of four of the new trees will be soon after Easter, but the last one will be ceremonially planted on the final day of the Jubilee Bank holiday weekend, Sunday June 5th, by David Gamblin as the retiring Chair of Wembdon Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust, in recognition of his years of service to the community.

A plaque will also be installed, set in Wembdon Stone, detailing the reason for the copse. The area where the copse will be planted is shown in this photograph.



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THERE'S A TROPHY TO KEEP FOR THE WINNER!

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AT THE WEMBDON VILLAGE HALL



Inspectors full of praise for Wembdon Primary School where happy pupils have a ‘love of learning’

Clare Wallace, the School Head Teacher writes ‘I am so proud of our most recent Ofsted inspection report which has graded our school as Good in all areas. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all who have played a part in Wembdon's journey of improvement over the past 2 years. The January 2022 Ofsted report acknowledges the achievements we have made together and motivates us to continue to strive for excellence.

The report says: “Leaders are ambitious for pupils (and they) have overhauled the curriculum. They have taken the right steps to revisit what they want pupils to learn, from Reception to Year 6. Consequently, there is now an effective curriculum in place with coherent blocks of learning to help pupils know and remember more.

“Leaders began their work to improve the quality of education by re-energising the focus on reading. Reading is ‘front and centre’ of the curriculum. Pupils like to read. They understand its importance and read often.”

The school also earned praise for its pastoral work, with inspectors describing the school as a happy and safe place.

They also said:

- Pupils conduct themselves well around school and in lessons. There is a calm and purposeful atmosphere.
- Pupils feel a strong connection to the school’s vision and principles. For example, they understand the six core values and how being kind helps to make the day better for everybody.
- The school’s Christian values are central to building pupils’ character and promoting British values. For example, pupils show respect and tolerance toward those of different faiths, beliefs and backgrounds. This leads to mutual harmony in the school, and a

- place where everybody feels welcome and included. Staff do not tolerate antisocial behaviour.
- Pupils are kind and keen to make the school a better place for all.

The inspectors added that staff are 'tenacious' in their work to keep children safe and promote wellbeing, with bullying rare.

The report noted: "The school has strong safeguarding systems for recruiting and training staff and governors and staff are quick to escalate any concerns."



A school is so much more than the staff and buildings, it is the children and families who choose it to be a part of their lives. The success of any school is dependent on staff and families working together to ensure that the children who occupy it, with their smiles and energy, have the best possible educational experiences that help prepare them for the next stage of their education and support them to develop into amazing young people. I feel very proud and privileged to be the head teacher of Wembdon and I am looking forward to continuing to work alongside our school governors and the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust over the coming years'.

Wembdon Community Youth Project

The start of work on the project was delayed by Covid issues and the national shortage of building materials but as a result of a huge amount of work by students from 'Volunteer It Yourself' and their mentors plus volunteers from the local community the storerooms and the bar have been constructed; the roof has been boarded and the room and the stairwell have been plastered and painted. Students from Bridgwater and Taunton College and their tutor have completed the first fix electrical wiring.



The lift is being constructed and will be installed in early May. The underfloor heating and flooring have been installed. The ventilation and air conditioning system has been installed and is awaiting the construction of the suspended ceiling and connection of the electricity supply before being finished. There is a lot of finishing work to be done but the project is on budget, and we are aiming to have it completed by the Jubilee bank holiday in early June.



The Trust is most grateful to numerous sponsors without whose grants this project

would not have happened. They include Sedgemoor District Council, the SUEZ Communities Fund, Joseph Casson Estate Agents, Toolstation, the Wesleyan Foundation and the Garfield Weston Foundation. We are also hugely indebted to our project manager Chris Escott of Berry and Escott for the countless hours and much hard work which he has given and to Andy Dale for his supervision of the project electrics.

When the construction has been completed the Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust will be renting it out for community activities and business meetings during the day. The room will have capacity for up to 60



people.

Please keep a lookout on the Trust website and social media for the announcement of booking commencement.

On weekday evenings we hope to use the room as a space for young

people to meet and socialise. We very much need volunteers to supervise and support the young people once the room is in use.

If you think you might be able to help, please get in touch with Kathryn Searle (nksearle1989@gmail.com 07881 223 277)

or Peter Reed (trustsecretary@wembdonvillagehall.co.uk 07813 162 469).

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Starting up from 13th May. This exciting new club is for 8-11's. We will need an adult to fill in a consent form on the first visit or go online using the QR code.

Following on from the information already previously given with regards the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we will be holding a thanksgiving service on the 3rd June at 2.30pm followed by afternoon tea in the parish centre. If you would like to attend the event, then please contact the office 01278 423468 or email Liz Birch parishcentre@sgw.org.uk.

The message at the heart of Christianity is pretty simple. Want to find out more? There will a new Christianity explored course starting in June. If you would like to find out more or would like to attend, please contact Simon Evans discipleship@sgw.org.uk

The church pond is now starting to look lush, and I have already seen some newt activity. There will be some more work carried out in the autumn to improve the sides and make it more frog friendly. We will also be planting the small 'meadow' in the corner of the church yard with wildflowers within the next few weeks so watch this space for the bee activity in the late spring and summer. Please let me know what you see when you walk through. Liz



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Wembdon Parish Council holds its meetings in the Village Hall on the second Monday of each month, apart from August. The meeting agenda will be published on the Council's website and notice boards on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. All Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the meeting and learn all about the activities of the Council, and what is happening in Wembdon.

Parish Council meetings will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 16th May and 13th June.

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Local contacts and information.

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