

The Wembdon Jubilee Beacon



Photograph courtesy of Jeff Searle

Parish Clerk's Notes



What a summer it has been so far! The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations have been covered in this edition, so I won't add much here, apart from to say that they were a massive success. There has been a great reaction from those who enjoyed the weekend. A huge thank you to everyone involved.

I am sure that everyone who has a garden, or an allotment plot will have suffered the effects of the recent very hot and dry spell of weather. This has been a challenge to the volunteers who do great work in the Parklands, and to the Parish Council contractor. They have risen to this challenge, and our public areas continue to look magnificent.

Another team that has been carrying out work in the Parish is the Community Payback Team. These are people who have been convicted of an offence and are carrying out community work as an alternative to other sentences. Our local team have been doing great maintenance work in the parish including strimming, weeding and litter picking. They are supervised at all times and provide us with a great service which helps with the upkeep of the parish at minimum cost to the taxpayer. Lastly, I would like to thank Councillor Mark Phillips who carries out volunteer strimming work in the Parish.

The next highlight of the summer will be the Wembdon Village Day on Bank Holiday Monday the 29th of August. This is always a great day out for the whole family so please come along. If you see me taking the entrance fee of £1 at one of the gates please come and say hello!

Please enjoy the rest of the summer.

REPORT FROM THE SID & SPEEDWATCH TEAM – JULY 2022

We remain proactive and are striving for a number of things to get drivers to **slow down** and keep our residents safe.

SO WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

1. Installed permanent **Speed Indicator Devices** on Sandford Hill coming into the village and on Wembdon Rise.
2. Lobbied the Highways authority and police for a **20 mph speed** limit from Sandford roundabout to the NDR.
3. Moved our **Speed Indicator Device** around other locations in the village on a regular basis.
4. **Monitored Speed Data** to pass information to our District and County Councillors, as well as to the police speed enforcement unit. Here is the latest data for these areas of Wembdon, showing first average then top speeds.

Wembdon Rise inbound from NDR	24.1 mph	72 mph
Wembdon Rise by Wares Lane	23.3 mph	54 mph
Wembdon Hill upwards	25.5 mph	55 mph
Wembdon Hill downwards	25.3 mph	54 mph
Wembdon Hill top inbound	24.9 mph	65 mph
Sandford Hill inbound	28.7 mph	74 mph
Church Road (20 mph limit)	16.3 mph	40 mph

The Speed Watch team will hopefully be in operation when we have sufficient fit members. We will be targeting the key times when drivers are known to be speeding through the village.

THANK YOU ALL FOR **DRIVING CAREFULLY** AND WITHIN THE **SAFE SPEED LIMIT**.

Wembdon celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee June 2022

The weekend in Wembdon got off to a fantastic start, when the Jubilee beacon was lit up at Wembdon allotments on **Thursday 2nd June**.

A specially commissioned metal brazier on a pole which was manufactured for the village by Alan Evans of Evans Fabrications Ltd, entirely free of charge, was lit at 9.45pm by Councillor Mark Phillips. The Parish Council would like to thank Alan, and Derek Chappell who turned out with his tractor to assist with the placement of the pole and beacon, as it was too heavy to manhandle into place. A crowd of well over 300 people enjoyed the spectacle, with many people meeting old friends for the first time since the Covid pandemic stuck. There were magnificent views across to South Wales and we watched the beacons throughout North Somerset being lit. The Cottage Inn had a special opening night with music, and many residents enjoyed the hospitality there before wending their way home.

On **Friday 3rd June**, there was a short service of Thanksgiving for the 70 years reign of Elizabeth II, at St George's Church. This was preceded by St Georges Church Wembdon Bell Ringers giving a stirring peal. A moving tribute, with some video clips and favourite hymns, was accompanied by the church organ.



The beacon being lit

This was followed by a magnificent spread of tea and cakes, set out in the courtyard of the Parish Centre, sadly somewhat dampened by a shower of rain. However, this did not interrupt the festivities for long as they continued inside.

A musical evening was held at the Cottage Inn, Wembdon Hill, on **Friday 3rd June**. This included some live music and a DJ to follow. The new owners Tom Samotyj and his partner Amy provided an entertaining evening.

On **Saturday 4th June** a Dance was held at the Village Hall “Pure Nostalgia” put on a disco style entertainment. Many of those who were there dressed in 60’s or 70’s style, the bar was open and there was a good turnout. Some “exhibition” level dancing was displayed, and everyone had a good time, dancing or just listening to the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s music.

On **Sunday 5th June** it was “Party in the Park”.

Plans for this event were thrown into some disarray by the typical English Summer weather!



The last in the set of additional oak trees, to make a total of seven in the “Queen’s Copse” adjacent to the Hall, was ceremonially planted by Mr David Gamblin in recognition of his many years of service to our community as Chairman of Wembdon Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust.

David played a huge role in getting the Hall to become the asset for the village that we see today.

A competition for the best decorated house/front garden was won by a family in Greenacre, and they were presented with a cup, kindly donated by Wembdon Community Association.

Following this, some fun games for younger children took place. Old favourites like egg and spoon and football dribbling races and other obstacle courses were run, and were entered into with enthusiasm by a good number of youngsters. They were ably planned and supervised by Lois Thayer, with the assistance of her father Tom.

The plans for picnics were scuppered by some pretty persistent rain, which also cut the children's races short. However, undaunted, many people gathered up their provisions and settled into the Hall. A wonderful time was had by all, with the addition of hot drinks and scrumptious cakes, made by various people and organised by Jenny Fawle (who also runs the monthly coffee morning at the Hall)



The large TV screens showed the Platinum Pageant live from London, and the Bridgwater Carnival Cart was eagerly anticipated.

It did not disappoint and was cheered loudly! The Queen's appearance on the Buckingham Palace Balcony, was the highlight of the event.



Acknowledgements

Wembdon Parish Council made financial provision to support the festivities. In the event, we were fortunate that much of what was budgeted for was donated for free.

- Alan Evans of Evans Fabrication Ltd (Beacon)
- Derek Chappell of Cokerhurst Farm (assistance with the beacon post)
- Wembdon Community Association, flags for the children and general support
- St George's Church Wembdon, vicar Ed Moll, PCC and parishioners for the service and tea.
- Bell ringers (Tower Captain Jackie Hubbard)
- The Cottage Inn Wembdon, new owners Tom and Amy.
- Wembdon Village Hall and Playing Fields' Trust for allowing use of the Hall, and organisation of the dance.
- Jenny Fawle and her group of cake bakers and tea makers.
- Jeff Searle for providing the photos in this article

And finally, to all of you who came out and had a great time celebrating the magnificent achievement of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, 70 years!

Apologies to anyone who has not been specifically mentioned.

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MONDAY 29TH AUGUST 2022

To Be Held At
**St. George's Parish Centre / Church
Wembdon Common / Playing Field &
Village Hall**

ENTRANCE (Incl. Raffle)

**£1 (Cash Only) Per Person,
Age 16 & under Free**

Artwork: Jane Cornish



Village Day Timetable of Events

8.00	Parish Centre open for Flower Show Exhibitors.	
10.00	Car Boot opens.	(Playing Field)
10.00 - 1.00	Flower Show closes for judging.	
10.00	Craft Fayre opens	(Village Hall)
10.00	Barbecue available.	(Playing Field)
10.00	Light refreshments available.	(Parish Centre)
10.00	Fete and Stalls open.	(Playing Field)
11.00 - 12.00	Sedgepaw Dog Show Entries open	(Playing Field)
12.00	Sedgepaw Dog Show commences	(Playing Field)
1.00	Flower Show opened by President.	(Parish Centre)
1.45 - 2.30	Burtle Silver Band	(Parish Centre)
2.30	Bridgwater Sea Cadets Display	(Playing Field)
3.00	Children's Races	(Playing Field)
3.00 - 3.45	Burtle Silver Band	(Parish Centre)
3.30	Raffle Draw	(Playing Field)
3.45	Flower Show Auction	(Parish Centre)
Followed By	Presentation of Cups.	(Parish Centre)

De-staging of exhibits & Presentation of Prize Money to be after the auction



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WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO STAGE EVENTS LIKE THIS IN THE FUTURE WITHOUT NEW MEMBERS. IF YOU ARE ABLE / WILLING TO HELP MAINTAIN SUCH EVENTS IN YOUR

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St George's Church & Parish Centre News

Come and see us on Village Day! We will have circus themed fun games for all the family to enjoy. And they are free!

All activities are happening within the church and grounds.

Our Sunday services are now taking place at 10.00am every Sunday. Tea and coffee will be served in the Parish Centre after each service. Please check the website for further details of any changes during September.

[St George's Church, Wembdon – Making Jesus Known \(sgw.org.uk\)](http://sgw.org.uk)

The parish centre is now a very busy hub, watch this space for the return of homemade soup and toasted sandwiches in the café. If you are looking for somewhere to have children's parties, we have some great rooms available.

Thank you to all that turned up for the thanksgiving service followed by tea and cake. We were blessed with sunshine for the sandwiches and torrential rain for the cake! British to the end!



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 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 completed the first fix electrical wiring, and the second fix has been installed by electricians from Mike Morgan Electrical Services at no charge to the project.

The lift, underfloor heating and the flooring have been installed, along with the suspended ceiling, fire alarms and the ventilation and air conditioning system.

There is still a small amount of finishing work to be done but the room is now ready for use and we were pleased to have our first event in it on 30th June when we hosted the English Schools Under 15 cricket finals day which involved 55 young people.



Work underway and the finished room



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Meat:

barbecue chicken,
spicy beef, pepperoni,
shredded ham, duck,
smoked bacon, sausage,
smoked salmon
(**£3 extra**)

Extras

9" Garlic bread pizza **£4**

Dough balls with roasted garlic dip **£5**

9" Cheesy garlic bread pizza **£5**

Homemade roasted garlic mayo dip **£1.25**

Desserts

Can only be ordered in conjunction with a savoury pizza order. They cannot be ordered on their own, sorry!

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Parklands Summer Update

This year Wembdon PACT are concentrating on re-establishing the Prairie Meadow, with evergreen, semi-evergreen grasses and perennials.



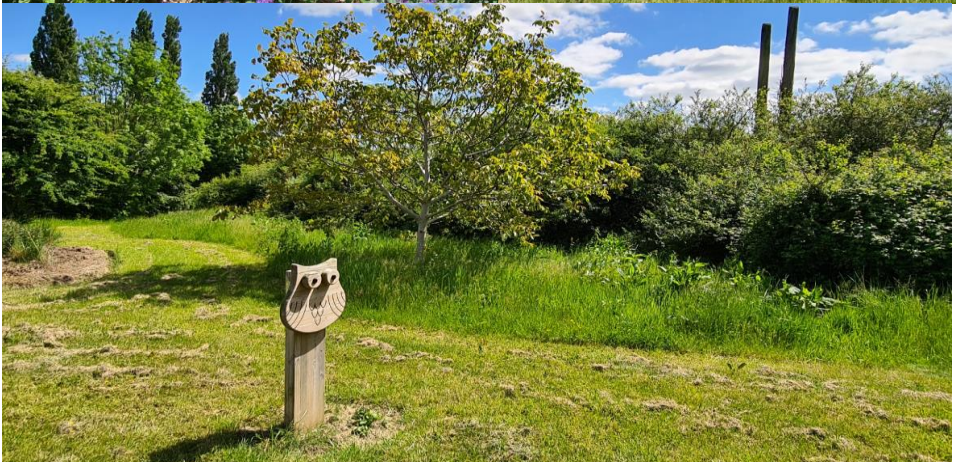
We designed a planting plan to create a foundation planting scheme, that we can add to each year, funding permitted. Most of the plants we purchased from Knoll Gardens who specialise in growing grasses, if you are interested in Prairie style planting you can visit their gardens. The plants have been planted with well-rotted manure and organic compost and during the very hot and dry weather we have been watering the new plants almost every day.

Currently we are trying to keep on top of the weeding and in early September we will complete a second phase of planting and dressing the area with bark to help keep the moisture in as these young plants establish.

The Parklands are looking fabulous this summer and the wildlife and insects are multiplying happily. We are pleased to share some of our photographs for your pleasure, which are on the next page!

We welcome people who would like to give an hour or two of their time to the Parklands project and assist with weeding and planting on Sunday mornings, where Lorna, Chris and Janet will be happy to see you.

Please contact Lorna Edwards, Wembdon Parklands & Community Together tell:07917101990 or through our Facebook page.





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Parish Council meetings will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 12th September and 10th October.

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