



Wembdon's New Ability Swing

Parish Clerk's Notes



It has been a busy few weeks in the parish. Plans are underway for the Coronation celebrations in May. There is an article regarding these events later in this Parish Paper. We have a new Councillor, Chris Chalk who introduces himself later in this edition. The plans for the new Unitary Somerset Council are now at an advanced stage, with District Councils such as Sedgemoor and Mendip disappearing at the end of March. The new Somerset Council will commence on 1st April. The Parish Council will join a Local Community Network of nearby Parish Councils. Wembdon's network will be named Dowsborough and will include sixteen Parish Councils in the electoral districts of Bridgwater West, Cannington and Watchet & Stogursey. For many months the Parish Councillors assumed that we would be in a Local Community Network with Bridgwater, but this will not be the case. This will be a major change in the way that Parish Councils operate. The Local Community Networks will hold meetings six to eight times a year and will comprise of many agencies and organisations including education, health, social services, and the police.

On a different note, the problem of dog mess continues to be a regular cause of concern to many residents. The Parish Council takes this problem seriously, which is illustrated by its provision of twenty one dog and litter bins which is a large number for a parish of our size. Bagged dog mess can be put in litter bins. The dog warden at Sedgemoor District Council has agreed to increase her patrols in Wembdon in order to catch and fine these irresponsible dog owners.

I hope that you all enjoy the Coronation celebrations in the parish.

Planning Matters

One of the core functions of a Parish Council is to comment on planning applications. We have no decision making powers, but as a consultee Sedgemoor District Council (soon to be Somerset Council) must ask us for our opinions about all planning applications in the parish, which they must listen to although they often overrule what we have decided.

Wembdon has a Neighbourhood Plan which was adopted in 2019. The plan can be found on the Parish Council's website on the planning page or if you are viewing the online version of this Parish Paper then please click on [this link](#). The Neighbourhood Plan contains a list of requirements that all planning applications in Wembdon should comply with. These include things like the construction materials to be used and the number of parking spaces if the application seeks to increase the number of bedrooms at the property. It is clear that many planning applicants are not aware of the requirements listed in the Neighbourhood Plan. It is common practice for applicants to use an agent to design and submit their planning application. These agents are often also unaware of the Wembdon Neighbourhood Plan. When the Parish Council Planning Committee considers a planning application then they may consider opposing it if it does not comply with the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan. If you are thinking about submitting a planning application, then you should consult the Neighbourhood Plan before you do so.



The Coronation Weekend.

6th - 8th May 2023

The Coronation Service of His Majesty King Charles III and the Queen Consort will occur on Saturday 6th May at Westminster Abbey. The ceremony will be shown around the world. It is an historic occasion full of religious ceremony, celebration and pageantry.



The Village Hall will be open on 6th of May for those who would like to share the occasion with others. The ceremony will be projected on to the Wall in the Main Hall to show the splendour and pageantry of the occasion. Teas and coffee and biscuits will be available.

Sunday the 7th May is the day of the Coronation Big Lunch and the Coronation Concert.

The Coronation Big Lunch is an opportunity for neighbours and communities across the United Kingdom to share food and fun together, to bring celebrations into your neighbourhood and to get to know your neighbours better. It could be as simple as inviting neighbours around for a cup of tea and cake or to have a street party for your neighbourhood. The onus is on you.

The Coronation Concert will take place at Windsor Castle. It is a staged live broadcast produced by the BBC. It will bring global music icons and contemporary stars together in celebration of this historic occasion. The centrepiece of the Coronation Concert 'Lighting up the Nation', will see iconic locations across the United Kingdom lit up using projections, lasers, drone displays and illuminations.

The Village Hall will open its doors in the evening to show the Coronation Concert in the Main Hall on the wall. The Bar will be

open. There will be LIVE music at the Cottage Inn from the early evening onwards.

The Big Help Out will be held on Monday 8th May.

This will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the United Kingdom. In tribute to His Majesty the King's public service 'The Big Help Out' will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas. The aim is to use volunteering to bring communities together and create a lasting legacy from the Coronation Weekend.

At St George's Parish Centre will be **Wembdon's Volunteer Fayre. between 10 -12 on 8th May.** It will showcase all the groups in Wembdon which are run by volunteers. You may be surprised how many organisations there are and just how they help and make our community. Stalls will be manned by each organisations plus various activities to join in with.

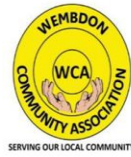
The Great Village Litter Pick.

There will be a Great Village Litter Pick. The Give A Day team will be building a planted area on the entrance to Wembdon by the traffic lights. Wembdon PACT will have an activity to join. All these and other great groups make your community a better place. They rely entirely on volunteers. It is hoped that this will inspire you to help out in the future. Tea, Coffee and Cakes will be available.

Commemorative Tree Planting on Monday 8th May.

An oak tree will be planted to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. A second oak tree will be planted in remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II.

WEMBDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (WCA)



WHO ARE WE?

WE ARE AN INDEPENDENT ASSOCIATION WHO ORGANISE COMMUNITY EVENTS & RAISE FUNDS TO HELP **ALL** WITHIN THE WEMBDON COMMUNITY

WHAT DO WE DO?

WE ORGANISE & RUN THE ANNUAL WEMBDON VILLAGE DAY, FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND MANY OTHER EVENTS FOR OLD AND YOUNG WITHIN WEMBDON

WE HAVE DONATED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF POUNDS TOWARDS COMMUNITY EVENTS & LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
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WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO FUNCTION FULLY WITH OUR CURRENT LEVEL OF HELP AND MEMBERSHIP!

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP & SUPPORT IN THE PAST BUT WE DESPERATELY NEED MORE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO COME FORWARD.

CAN YOU:

JOIN US ON THE COMMITTEE & ATTEND OUR MEETINGS?
HELP AT VILLAGE DAY, ON THE GATE, SERVING TEAS, SETTING UP?
HELP SET UP AND/OR CLEAR UP AT THE FIREWORKS?
HELP AT THE BINGO, CALLING N^{OS}, MAKING CAKES, SERVING TEAS?
SPONSOR OR OBTAIN SPONSORS FOR BINGO OR RAFFLE PRIZES?

If you would like further information: Please feel free to phone Graham on 01278 457973 or contact one of our members

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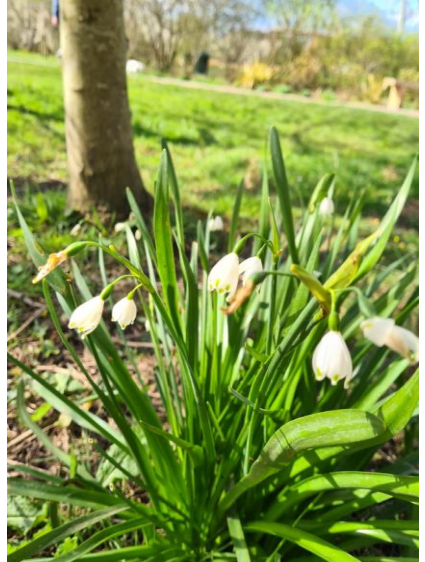
PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS / EVENTS 2023

23 rd March	7.00pm.	Meeting	Parish Centre
25 th March	2.00pm.	S. Citizens Free Bingo / Tea	Parish Centre
22 nd April	2.00pm.	S. Citizens Free Bingo / Tea	Parish Centre
27 th April	7.00pm.	Meeting	Parish Centre
25 th May	7.00pm.	Meeting	Parish Centre
27 th May	2.00pm.	S. Citizens Free Bingo / Tea	Parish Centre
22 nd June	7.30pm.	Meeting	Parish Centre
24 th June	2.00pm.	S. Citizens Free Bingo / Tea	Parish Centre
June?		Quiz (to be confirmed)?	Parish Centre
27 th July		<i>Latest date for return of Village Day Trophies</i>	
27 th July	7.30pm.	Meeting	Parish Centre
29 th July	2.00pm.	S. Citizens Free Bingo / Tea	Parish Centre
24 th Aug	7.30pm.	Meeting	Parish Centre
28 th Aug	10.00am.	Wembdon Village Day	Parish Centre / Wembdon Common / Village Hall & Playing Fields
21 st Sept	7.30pm.	Meeting	Parish Centre
23 rd Sept	2.00pm.	S. Citizens Free Bingo / Tea	Parish Centre
19 th Oct	7.30pm.	Meeting	Parish Centre
21 st Oct	2.00pm.	S. Citizens Free Bingo / Tea	Parish Centre
28 th Oct	7.00pm	Annual Fireworks Display	<i>Auction Field</i>
23 rd Nov	8.00pm.	Annual General Meeting	Parish Centre
25 th Nov	2.00pm.	S. Citizens Free Bingo / Tea	Parish Centre
14 th Dec	7.00pm.	Meeting	Parish Centre
6 th Jan 2024		Sen Citizens Christmas Meal	Parish Centre

Wembdon Parklands & Community Together

The nights are drawing out again and Spring is just around the corner. The PACT team are very excited about the projects we have planned to improve the planting and eco systems on the parklands this year.

This spring, you will find the team working to restore and improve the Stumpery. It has become overgrown with weeds and needs better structure and form to improve its habitat and fauna for a flourishing eco-system.



The team will also be planting more hedging that will provide more nesting and shelter for birds and mammals. Hedging is vital in combatting the emissions and noise from heavy traffic.

Whilst doing this we will also be weeding and maintaining the other features.

Wembdon PACT is in need of more helpers to give up 2hrs on a Sunday morning in order to keep the Parklands maintained for everyone to enjoy. If you want to help please **contact Lorna Edwards, telephone 07917101990**

New Parish Councillor

My name is Chris Chalk . I would like to introduce myself as a new member of Wembdon Parish Council.

I have lived in Wembdon for over 20 years with my wife Tina and consider myself very lucky to live in such a nice village. Although neither Tina or myself are natives of the area we feel it easy to get involved within the community.



Towards the end of my working life I started volunteering with the Wembdon Parklands Community Together (PACT). Although I am no gardener I have become more involved, becoming a Trustee and also responsible for updating the Facebook page. I retired from the Civil Service in 2021 so I can now give more time working at the Parklands.

One of the most rewarding part of volunteering is talking to people when we are working. Everyone really appreciates what we are doing and it's also great for the wildlife, of which there are many varieties including badgers and foxes. Working with PACT is the main reason that I have decided to join Wembdon Parish Council and to become more involved in our community. Occasionally we have plants removed and water butts pushed over but we will always continue to move forward to give everyone in Wembdon something to be proud of. As a councillor I will no doubt be tasked with new projects to keep me busy which will be a completely new learning experience but something I am looking forward to,

St George's Church & Parish Centre

Easter Services:

7th April Good Friday – The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross

9th April Easter Sunday – 10am service



Please come and join us for an immersive looking at the Easter service on Good Friday between 10 - 12pm.

If you have ever used the old school hall over the years you will remember the big heaters and the dark red paint. Well... we have had an over haul. After securing funding with Valencia community fund, Somerset community foundation and some smaller funders. We now have a new heating system, fully decorated, new toilets and solar panels on their way.

To finish we will be changing the ceiling tiles and lights. We have now created a front office available for counselling, and together with various mental health partners will be looking to use the room for drop-ins and group sessions and 1-1's.





The Big Help Out

The Big Help Out is to use volunteering to bring communities together and create a lasting volunteering legacy from the Coronation Weekend.

Your Community Needs You



Come along to the parish centre to our volunteer fayre and find out more about all the different community groups in Wembdon that need your help



*Coronation Monday 8th May 10-12
St George's Parish Centre*

Litter pick around the village on the day



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We are looking to hold a volunteer fayre on the Coronation bank holiday Monday between 10am and noon. This is an ideal opportunity to see and meet all the different organisations within Wembdon that have volunteer opportunities.

If you aren't able to volunteer on a regular basis there will be an opportunity on the day to help with a litter pick around the village (starting in church car park), churchyard tidying and pond tidying.

And finally, don't forget the coffee shop is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is a Tea-time special on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month; along with a range of different clubs and activities throughout the week.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES REPORT

As reported in our last Parish Paper we await the introduction of the newly approved **20 mph** speed limit in the village. SCC Highways have to alter all signage including new roundels on the road surface. Recent bad weather may delay this, but we hope that by the time you receive the next issue things will have progressed. Please can we ask that you act as a pace car when the new 20 mph limit is introduced. We know that some idiots will risk life and limb by overtaking you in crazy fashion, but if we can drive slowly this may deter some of the rat-runners from using us as a short cut. We are fully aware that this is just the **next step** in trying to slow traffic down coming in and out of Wembdon. I visited Cannington Parish Council recently to help them with their SID's and, despite now having raised full-width speed humps on Rodway, speeding is still an issue. Parked cars actually help to slow down traffic in Wembdon, making a natural chicane. Many of us park on the road on Wembdon Hill, Wembdon Rise & Church Road and this actually helps with reducing speeds. Four of your Parish Councillors live on the Hill & Rise so know full well what you are experiencing. Most high-end speeders are recorded in the early morning or late at night. This is not acceptable, but very difficult to police.

Wembdon Rise (from NDR) Average speed - 24 mph; 85th% speed - 26 mph; Top Recorded speed - 72 mph at 02:00 on 29/12/22

Wembdon Rise (by Wares Lane) Average speed 23 mph; 85th % - 26 mph; Top recorded speed – 54 mph at 17:30 on 28/12/22

Wembdon Hill (going DOWN) Average Speed 23 mph; 85th% - 29.7 mph; Top recorded speed – 60 mph at 03:00 on 29/12/22

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shredded ham, duck,
smoked bacon, sausage,
smoked salmon
(£3 extra)

Extras

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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.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 3rd April. This is earlier in the month than usual due to the Easter holidays. This meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Assembly at 8.00pm.

Please note that Wembdon Parish Council does not endorse any of the advertisers in the Parish Paper

Local contacts and information.

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Coffee and Cake: Village Hall. First Tuesday of the month 10am to noon.

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