



Retiring Parish Council Chairman Mike Solomon being presented with a painting of the Village Hall by new Chairman Anne Reed

# Parish Clerk's Notes



Once again it has been a busy few months in the parish. The Coronation celebrations were a great success, despite the mixed weather. The parish councillors also said goodbye to Mike Solomon, who has stood down as a parish councillor. Both of these events are covered in greater detail in the next three pages. On a personal note, I would like to thank Mike for all the support he has given me as your parish clerk since I took over the role in 2014. I shall miss Mike, but I am already working very well with his successor as chairman, Anne Reed.

Fly parking by Hinkley workers continues to be a problem in the parish. All Hinkley employees must register their vehicle details with their employers and agree not to fly-park. Unfortunately, this is being ignored by some workers, with all parishes in the area suffering. If you witness this taking place, then please contact Sacha at the Hinkley Enforcement Team on 07813 232358 or 0333 009 700700. They will need the details of the vehicle including registration number (and hopefully a photo), time, date and location.

The parish council is increasing its efforts to tackle dog mess. Councillor Chalk is taking the lead on this and has liaised with the primary school who are running a competition for pupils to design a poster. There is an article about this later in the parish paper.

As part of last year's Jubilee celebrations, the parish council planted oak trees to create a 'Queens Copse' in recognition of the reign of Elizabeth II. It saddens me to write that during the evening of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May vandals have snapped two of these young trees in half. Our maintenance contractor is trying his best to save the trees, but if they need to be replaced then the cost to you, the taxpayer, will be around £500. If anyone has any information about who committed this crime, then please contact me on 07859 911204 or [clerk@wembdon.org](mailto:clerk@wembdon.org)

# Farewell to Councillor Mike Solomon

Mike Solomon has stood down as a parish councillor after twenty years of unbroken service. For the last twelve years Mike has been parish council chairman. This is an incredible period of public service. Led by Mike, the parish council has achieved a great deal during these years. Examples include Wembdon allotments have been established, the Village Hall has been built, the Parklands has been created and fully accessible play equipment is now in the playground.

In recognition of Mike's service, the parish councillors decided to award Mike the 'Freedom of the Parish of Wembdon'. This is the highest honour that a parish council can bestow.



It is given to recognise exceptional service and valued contributions to community life in the parish. Here is a photo of Mike being presented with his scroll by the Parish Clerk. Mike will be missed on the Council, but his work as a Village Hall trustee will continue.

The new parish council chairman is Councillor Anne Reed. There is now a casual vacancy on the parish council which will be filled at the council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July. If anyone is interested in applying for this voluntary position then please contact the parish clerk on [clerk@wembdon.org](mailto:clerk@wembdon.org)

# Coronation Celebrations in the Parish

## **Coronation Day, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

The Village Hall opened for visitors at 10am, with the events in London showing on a large screen. A few parties came along, and decorated the tables. Teas and coffees were served, and the atmosphere was suitably festive, with many wearing “crowns”. The Cottage Inn, looking very smart after its recent refurbishment, had a live band in the evening.

## **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

St George's Church Parish Centre hosted a bring your own Big Picnic Lunch, luckily the weather was kind and people were able to eat outside, in traditional “street party” style. The Village Hall and Bar were open for anyone wishing to watch the Windsor Park concert on a large screen. The Cottage had live bands playing during the afternoon and evening, with food served in the evening, these events were definitely popular.

## **Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Big Help Out was launched at St George's Parish Centre, with many turning out to help with litter picking, “seed bomb” making and planting. In spite of the wet weather 10 bags of litter were collected, and seeds planted. A coffee morning in the Parish Centre was well attended. Two new trees were planted by Councillor Mike Solomon, with the help of some children, one in memory of the late Queen, Elizabeth II, the second one in Parklands to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. Both are red oaks. Three large planters were placed at the Wembdon Rise/Homberg Way junction by the Wembdon Village sign, and planted up with colourful shrubs and bedding plants. A similar one has also been placed at the Sandford Cross entrance to the village. At 3pm the bells of St Georges Church rang out for 20 minutes, this included call changes called ‘King’. Here are some photos from the weekend.



## Parishioner receives Royal Maundy Money

Katherine Cannell was one of seventy four women and seventy four men to have received a special thanks from His Majesty King Charles in recognition of their Christian service and for making a difference to the lives of people in her local community. Having been nominated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells she was invited by His Majesty to receive the Royal Maundy Money at York Minster on Maundy Thursday which was on 6 April 2023.

Katherine is presently Lay Dean of Sedgemoor Deanery and a lay member of Diocesan Synod, previously serving on Bishops Council and on the Vacancy in See Committee - for the appointment of Bishop Michael Beasley to Bath and Wells.

Commenting on the occasion, 'It was truly an amazing service. Very humbling and such a privilege to have been nominated'.

The distribution of alms by Kings and Queens of England on Maundy Thursday is an ancient ceremony that dates back to 600AD; seventy four men and seventy four women (signifying the age of the Monarch) are chosen for their service to the church and community and are nominated from across the dioceses of England, and Anglican and Ecumenical partners across the United Kingdom.

His Majesty King Charles III presented each recipient with two purses: one red and one white. A white purse containing silver 1p,2p,3p and 4p coins equivalent in value to his age, which this year is 74p. The red purse, which contained a silver £5 coin and a 50p coin, replaces the original gift of clothing and provisions.

This year the £5 coin celebrates His Majesty's 75th birthday (in November) and the 50 pence coin commemorates the anniversary of the Windrush Generations.

The picture of Katherine and her husband is taken in the Minster following the service with Katherine holding the two purses.



Wembdon Village Hall, Homberg Way  
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# Allotment News

It has seemed to be a slow start to the growing year, the wet and cool spring followed by wet and warm weather. The grass and weeds have grown at a fantastic rate of knots making life difficult for allotment holders to get on top of their plots. Are we ever happy? Yes, to get back onto our plots and chat with your allotment neighbours and witness the joys of the changing seasons.

We have welcomed new allotment holders who are doing a grand job. Sadly we have lost two of our longest serving allotment holders who have had plots for a very long time, for over 30 years and imparted their knowledge freely to newer allotment holders. These vacant plots will be filled quickly from people on our very long waiting list.

Our thanks to the Community Payback Team who have done a lot of work over the past months. They made a central path to overcome a section which was hazardous, cleared overgrown areas and cleared a heap of rubbish, which was taken the recycling centre. They will be returning shortly to build a communal compost area in the centre of the site.

It is a big commitment and hard work having an allotment, fighting the grass and weeds. It can also be frustrating when pigeons, rabbits or aphids, slugs and snails devastate crops, but the rewards are great.





# St George's Church & Parish Centre News



Have you ever been to a Bible Holiday Club before? If you are not sure if you will like it, come to our taster day. We will have crafts, a drama, a story from the bible, games, challenges, activities and a quiz.

Children will need to be pre-registered. Parents and carers will need to drop them off but are welcome to go to our coffee shop. Families are then invited to

our big family lunch where you can meet the leaders and ask us any questions that you have.

Children who would already like to come to our October Holiday club are also invited to get a taste of what they can look forward to.



Please also come and visit us on Village day. We have free family games and activities in and around the Church from 1pm-2.30pm.

The work has continued on the main hall at the Parish Centre, solar panels, new lighting and ceiling now in place. It's looking lovely and waiting for that children's party or office away day booking. Please do contact me if you would like any more information.

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# Wembdon Parklands & Community Together

Summer is here at last! We've had so much rain during the long spring months that the weeds have gone crazy and there is a lot of work to do.

Sadly our waterbutts have been badly vandalised and the taps broken, so we have decided to build a wooden storage shed for their protection. You will see we have built a basic frame, which will be strengthened and clad with wood reclaimed from pallets. Access to the water taps will be locked and the branches of the trees will camouflage it.

The stumpery will come together over the summer months, as we move wood and stumps around and build knarly mounds of soil. Bark will be added and spaces will be left for planting in the Autumn. Over the winter months it will bed-in and by next spring we should have a show of woodland plants. Already there is a lot of wildlife including; all sorts of beetles, slow worms and toads.

Throughout the summer we will be maintaining the other feature borders; the sensory borders and the prairie are being pruned and weeded where we can due to the clay soil. This is a difficult task. Re-planting will be evaluated for next year where plants have died or there are gaps to fill. We plan to edge the sensory borders with heathers to keep the bark off the path in the Autumn.

We hope you are all enjoying these warm months. Many of you walk through the Parklands and stop to speak to us about the project and what we are doing which is very much appreciated. We desperately need volunteers who would like to give two hours a week on a Saturday or Sunday between 10am until 12noon, to help keep the Parklands legacy alive.

Please contact us on the Wembdon PACT Facebook page or call Lorna on 07917101990

## Wembdon St. Georges School – Dog Poster Competition

As part of working with the community the children of Wembdon have been asked by Wembdon Parish Councillor Mr Chalk to come up with a design for a poster to help prevent dog fouling in both Wembdon Park and surrounding area.

Our School Council and Miss Curtis have decided to make this into a competition with a winner and a runner up.

Children will have the opportunity to win a prize and a certificate as well as an opportunity to have a picture taken and placed in the next edition of the Parish Paper!



**Closing Date for entries:**

**End of Term 5!**

**All entries to be given to class teachers please.**



## Do you want to support children in Somerset? Then Route1 is looking for you!



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“I would strongly encourage local residents to come and help children and families, do some real long term good, use and expand their existing skills and experience and make a huge difference to young people in Somerset,” said Cllr Tessa Munt, Lead Member for Children, Families & Education.

Your volunteering can be arranged to suit your availability. You will be trained and supported in developing key skills.



If you're interested and want to find out more about volunteering with Somerset Council, please visit [volunteering.somerset.gov.uk](http://volunteering.somerset.gov.uk).

For more information about Route 1 Advocacy and Independent Visitors, you can contact us by emailing: [route1advocacy@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:route1advocacy@somerset.gov.uk), calling 01749 822801 and our website is:

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#### **Meat:**

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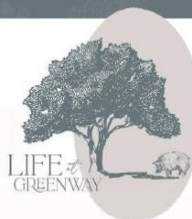
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Wembdon Parish Council holds its meetings in the Village Hall on the second Monday of each month, apart from August. The meeting agenda will be published on the council's website and notice boards on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. All Parishioners 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 7.30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

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