



The Parish Council Chairman Mike Solomon reading the Royal Proclamation of the New Sovereign.

# Parish Clerk's Notes



In the last edition of the Parish Paper we were celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Now we are reporting on the local events that took place when we were mourning her death. How things can change in such a short period of time. We now have a new King who will be crowned on 6<sup>th</sup> May, along with his Queen. The Parish Council will be planting trees to commemorate the passing of the Queen and to celebrate the coronation of the King.

When the news of the Queen's death broke the Parish Council launched Operation London Bridge, which detailed everything that needed to be done. Plans for this sad event had been in place for years, and the Parish Council were ready and prepared. Events were organised such as the raising and lowering of the Union Jack at the Village Hall at set times, and the commencement of books of condolences both in hard copy at the Village Hall and digitally on our website. A service of remembrance was held at St. Georges Church and the Parish Council Chairman read the Royal Proclamation of the New Sovereign at the Village Hall in front of a gathering of parishioners, as seen in this photo and on the cover.



Life goes on in the parish. Your volunteer Parish Councillors continue to work hard to help provide the services and amenities that you enjoy. Visit the Village Hall, the Parklands or the Allotments and you will find a Councillor helping things to run smoothly.

The Wembdon Give-a-Day team are a group of unsung heroes who meet every month to carry out a variety of general maintenance tasks in the village. New members are always welcome. Please contact me on [clerk@wembdon.org](mailto:clerk@wembdon.org) if you would like more information.

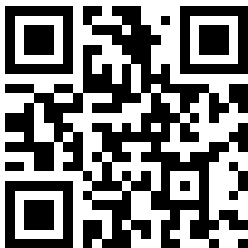
Another group which deserves a mention are the Community Payback team who continue to do great work in the parish.


I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## Did you know?

When the Parish Council hears about a road closure or other road works affecting Wembdon, we put a notice on our website.


You can receive these and other notices straight into your email inbox by signing up for our subscription service.





Wembdon Parish Council

Temporary traffic lights Wembdon Rise / Homberg Way on 27th October



Somerset County Council will again have temporary traffic lights at the Wembdon Rise / Homberg Way junction. The work on Thursday 27th October is described...

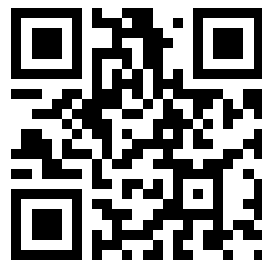
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## **REPORT FROM THE SID & SPEEDWATCH TEAM –** **NOVEMBER 2022**

As reported in July's Parish Paper we have been lobbying the Highways authority and police for a **20-mph speed** limit from Sandford Hill to the NDR.

Following this continued pressure, Somerset Highways are now, at last, proposing that most of Wembdon should be subject to a **20-mph speed limit**, which the Parish Council fully supports. We do not believe that this will be the total solution to road safety in the village, but consider it a significant step in the right direction.

The proposal covers almost ALL roads in Wembdon and can be seen on our website <https://wembdon.org/?p=3785> or by scanning this QR code.



**We will keep you updated with progress, on both our Facebook page and website.**

For those new to the area, the management of traffic speed through the village has been a major concern of the Parish Council for many years. It was first highlighted in the household

surveys conducted in 2007 and published in the Parish Plan in 2008. Since that time, the Parish Council has invested in **Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)**, promoted the **Speedwatch** team and encouraged the installation of the **zebra crossing**. We have been requesting reduced speed limits and speed management measures such as **chicanes, rumble strips and speed bumps** since our first meetings with Highways.

We all know that it only takes a minor problem on the A39 and Wembdon is gridlocked and, with the imminent development of Cokerhurst, we can anticipate many traffic problems on the A39 in the next few years.

The **Speedwatch** Team operated on **Wembdon Hill** from 15:00 - 16:00 on October 20<sup>th</sup> (our 1<sup>st</sup> session since November 2021 due to weather / Covid / team unavailability). This session also saw the successful completion of a new member's roadside training so we now have an active team of 4 volunteers. We recorded 122 vehicles with zero speeders and this information has been successfully recorded on the SWAN database.

**If you can spare an hour, every so often, we are always in need of new members so please message me if you can help and I will put you in touch with our co-ordinator.**

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

Cllr Dave Gliddon (d.gliddon@wembdon.org)

## Wembdon Village Day - 29th August 2022

After the popularity of last year's Village Day, the members of the Wembdon Community Association (WCA) were praying for sunshine, and they weren't disappointed!



The glorious weather throughout the day meant that there were plenty of car-booters and stalls from local charities and organisations lining the Village Playing Field and Wembdon Common, with many waiting patiently for the gates to open when the committee members arrived at 7:30AM. Visitors also enjoyed the Classic Car Display for the 2nd year running which even included the infamous Trotters Independent Traders Van and a grand marching display from the Bridgwater Sea Cadet Corp. Children joined the fun on the many games and inflatables around the field.

The BBQ and the Bar at The Green were busy throughout the day, with the BBQ running out of bacon butties before 11AM and burgers by 2:30PM! Luckily their new Welsh Cakes also went down a treat in the afternoon. The "Sedgepaw" Dog Show also returned this year and the Children's Races were a success. Entertainment on the playing field was provided by Sedgemoor FM throughout the day. The Village Hall hosted its annual Craft Fair, which was enjoyed by many looking to support small local businesses.

On the Common there were various traditional fete stalls to be enjoyed by visitors, including Smash the Crockery, Hook-a-Duck and the Coconut Shy. Once again, the visitors were entertained throughout the afternoon by Burtle Silver Band, while able to enjoy scrumptious sandwiches and cakes made by WCA volunteers and friends served from the Parish Centre Café. The annual Fruit, Vegetable, Flower and Craft Show enjoyed its first year back since 2019, with several new exhibitors, especially in the children's classes, as well as many returning exhibitors, some of which have supported the show for many years. This year the best exhibit in show was awarded to Mrs Julie Evans for her delicious lemon cake, while Eric Isted won the children's best exhibit in show for his collage entitled "Jubilee".

## **Wembdon Fireworks Display – 29th October 2022**

The Grand Fireworks Display staged by the WCA certainly went with a bang in the early evening of Saturday 29th October 2022. In dry and firm conditions, the WCA Committee members worked all afternoon with “Skyburst” The Fireworks Company to prepare the field for the professionally fired display. The fireworks were prepared, barriers measured, collected and erected, refreshment tent prepared, and generator and lighting installed in time for the early arrivals. The Skyburst Team worked hard at the far edge of the field preparing the £2000 display.

The display proved even more spectacular than previous years and was enjoyed by a crowd of approximately 1200 spectators. As promised the display started relatively promptly which unfortunately caused a few latecomers to miss it, this meant that the WCA incurred a slight financial loss on the event but after such a successful Village Day we were able to absorb the losses.

Thanks must go to those with pets and livestock who heeded our many warnings of the event and to the kind sponsorships received from Morrison’s and Asda Supermarkets along with all who helped in any way on the day or in the clearing of the field afterwards.

The 2023 event will take place on the evening of Saturday 28th October.

Important Note:

Village Day and other events such as the Annual Firework Display are in great danger of not happening next year!

Village Day is getting bigger and the WCA Committee is getting smaller, meaning that we just can’t handle the workload without new working members. If you really want these events to continue in the future come forward and join us, a few more of you could save the day.

If you are willing to get involved, please contact a member of the committee, Email [wembdon.community@btinternet.com](mailto:wembdon.community@btinternet.com) or ring Graham on 01278 457973.

## Wembdon Allotment News

It has been a good year at the allotments, though challenging at times. We gardeners are never satisfied with the weather which dictates how successful our produce will be. Last year the wet weather brought out the slugs and snails, this year the extreme hot weather resulted in poor germination of seed, setting of flower on the runner beans or poor growth in the dry conditions. It was hard work watering crops in the early morning or the evening in the heatwaves of the summer. All water storage supplies went quickly. However, the allotment holders are a hardy bunch and are always up for a challenge.

A new landmark arrived in June, the Beacon, in readiness for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. What a sight it was when lit. The allotment track is the highest point in Wembdon and the views over the estuary are second to none, much enjoyed by all. We are fortunate to have a variety of wildlife around the allotments actively encouraged by our gardening practices.



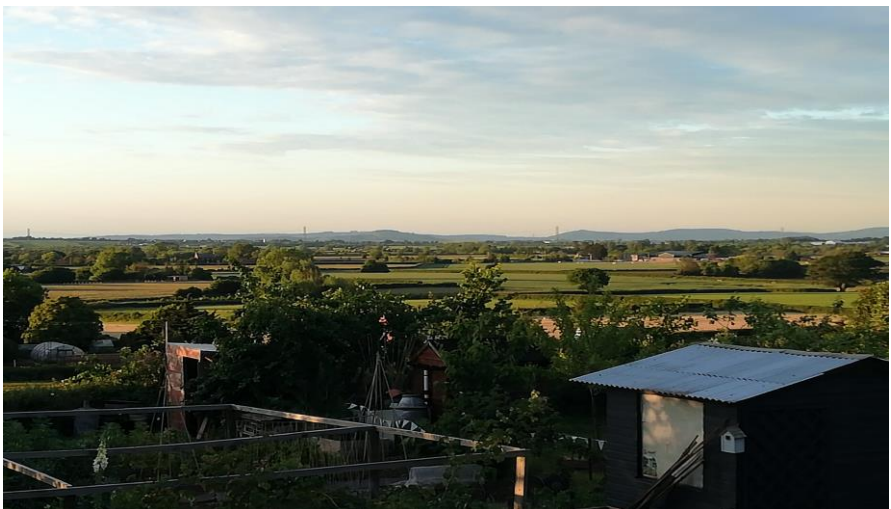
Three recent views of the allotments

At Wembdon Village Day the Wembdon Community Association present two trophies each year, one for the best kept allotment and the other to the most improved plot , which usually goes to a newer

allotment holder. Our congratulations this year go to Rachel Olley who won the trophy for the Best Kept Allotment and Alison Coney for the Most Improved Allotment. Worthy winners both, though I know it was a difficult task to choose who should hold the trophies this year.

There have been a few changes of tenants this autumn. There are five new tenants taking over various plots across the site. They will be welcomed by other tenants who are always eager to share their knowledge. Although the waiting list for plots has shortened a little, interest in renting an allotment remains high. The waiting list remains open. If you are interested contact Dianne Claydon on [d.claydon@wembdon.org](mailto:d.claydon@wembdon.org)

The Community Payback team have done sterling work strimming pathways and badly overgrown areas a couple of times this season. The grass grew at a phenomenal rate once the rains came at the end of the summer. They will be repairing a path in the centre of the allotment site in November. Our thanks to them, their work is greatly appreciated. With the Winter looming, and the days grow shorter, allotment holders are putting their plots to bed for a few months. It is a time for planning and ordering seeds ready for the spring.



# Community Youth Project

The Sedgemoor Room, upstairs in the Village Hall, is now complete. It provides a comfortable meeting space for up to 60 people and has air conditioning, a full audio-visual system with an 86 inch screen and a bar.

The project was completed within our grant-funded budget.



Sessions for young people, known as Space@TheGreen, using the grant funded services of Youth Unlimited are taking place on Monday evenings for Years 7 -9 and Wednesday evenings for Years 10 & 11 from 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm. Youngsters from all Bridgwater schools are welcome.

The Trust is most grateful to Wembdon Community Association for a generous grant towards equipment and running costs for Space@TheGreen.

The Sedgemoor Room is available to hire for community events, meetings and conferences by contacting the General Manager, Dan Grewcock on [generalmanager@wembdonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:generalmanager@wembdonvillagehall.co.uk) or 07856 282330. Dan would be pleased to show the new facilities to everyone interested.



**STOP PRESS:** The Community Youth Project is bidding for a cash boost from Tesco. When you shop at Tesco, please use your token to vote for The Wembdon Community Youth Project. Please share with others too.

# St George's church and parish centre news.

On 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm, journey with us on an outdoor carols adventure! Follow the star as it travels on the journey people took on that first Christmas, ending up seeing the newborn baby. There will be 2 start locations (tbc) and we will all end up at the parish centre for mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

Will be hosting a carol concert this year on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. There will be cards being delivered very shortly with all the information and dates on. Please be aware of last minute changes and keep an eye on our website for up to date information.

With the rise in the cost of living, we understand that this winter will be challenging. We have just started our warm space initiative in conjunction with Greenway farm. Providing a hot lush meal and a pudding every Friday from 12-2. The coffee shop is open on its normal hours Mon, Wed and Fri 10-12. As the numbers rise, we will put on some board games and cards, depending on what people would like to do in the space.

Also, would like to thank all the children who came to the holiday bible club Big Big Top, we had lots of fun and the weather held out!

Lastly, there will be a Craft Fayre in the Parish Centre on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December between 10am and 2pm.



**CHRISTMAS**  
EVENTS AT ST GEORGE'S WEMBDON

**Sun 11 December**  
5-6.30pm The Christmas Journey

**Sat 17 December**  
7-8.30pm Christmas Carol Concert

**Wed 21 December**  
12.30pm Daytime Christmas Lunch and Service

**Christmas Eve**  
**Sat 24 December**  
4pm It Begins in Bethlehem (Families welcome!)  
11pm Christmas Eve Late Communion

**Christmas Day**  
**Sun 25 December**  
10am Christmas Day All Age Service

*Everyone welcome!*

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# Accessible swings installed!



We are delighted to announce that at long last the accessible swings have been installed in the Wembdon Green playground. We experienced a few delays, due initially to Covid, then the manufacturers had to prioritise orders from schools over the summer holiday.

This completes the next stage of our “Access for All” initiative, which also includes a “Changing Places” toilet in the Hall (accessible from outside via Radar key), a wheelchair roundabout and trampoline. It is wonderful to see the less able people playing alongside their peers and siblings.

As you can see, one young person has already been very excited to use the wheelchair swing.

Thank you to all our donors, including Somerset Community Foundation, The National Lottery, The Medlock Trust, True Colours, Asda (green tokens) and many other through crowdfunding.



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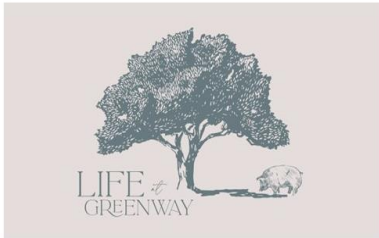
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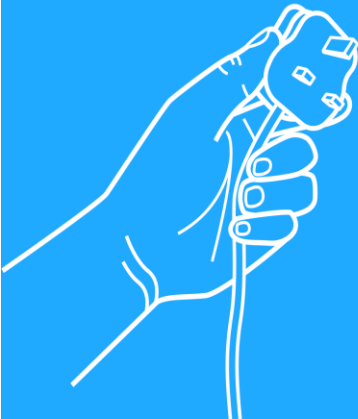
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### Wembdon Parish Paper Editor: Tony Jay

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 December 12<sup>th</sup>. Free mince pies, mulled wine and soft drinks will be served after the meeting.

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