



**The Parklands Photo Competition**



## From your Parish Clerk

I am saddened to be writing my report for this edition as it pains me to say we have had a spate of crime in Wembdon. Not only was The Green broken into and the Cricket Clubs tractor stolen, but there have also been several incidents of vandalism around The Parklands and The Green with damage to trees and buildings. Let's hope that this has been an isolated spate of unwanted activity.

The Parish Council have been carrying out maintenance to many of our lovely trees around Wembdon to keep them healthy and safe for many years to come.

We will be undertaking a Parish Survey in January 2026, which will give you the opportunity to offer your input to help us shape the future of Wembdon as we will have CIL funds from the Cokerhurst development to spend on the community. There will be a printed version in the next Parish Paper with collection boxes located around Wembdon, and the option to complete it online. We do hope everyone takes part as this will help to ensure we invest in equipment and infrastructure that will benefit everyone equally.

Don't forget to sign up for updates on our website, then you will receive an email whenever we add an item that affects the residents of Wembdon such as road closures.

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# Allotment News



A reminder of the landscape at the height of the summer. What a difference September brought, cooler days and nights plus the very welcome rain. The long hot summer brought its own tribulations. The amount of watering allotment holders had to do, carrying water to keep their crops flourishing was tiring. Animals were searching for food. Badgers, deer, rabbits and foxes were caught on camera. Deer ravaged most of the sweetcorn, rabbits ate lettuce, and the fox was digging holes looking for worms, and caterpillars chewed cabbages, a constant battle. The abundance of plums and apples was a consolation.

Well-deserved congratulations to Diane Sharpe for the Best Allotment, and Mark Hawkes for the Most Improved Allotment awarded by the WCA.

Unfortunately, a water leak on one part of the site increased the water bill even more than expected from the extra watering. We are grateful to Tony Cook, Plumbing and Heating, who quickly sorted it all out. Thanks, also, to Kevin Flay for repairing the standpipe housing.

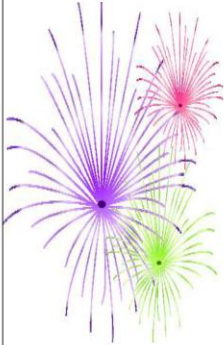
There has been a change of long-term tenants who hung up their boots and new plot holders have started, thanks to them all. The Allotment waiting list is now empty. It's a good time to get your name down on the waiting list.

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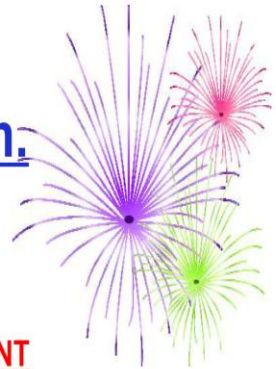
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# Wembdon Parklands Wildlife Photography Competition

Wembdon Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to everyone who entered the competition this year and hope that you all will enter again next year. All the photographs were excellent and captured the amazing natural beauty and biodiversity of the Parklands.

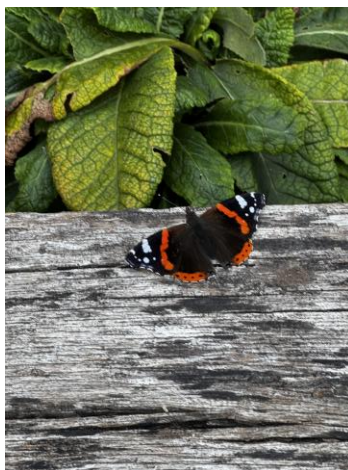
We would also like to thank our local independent Judge, Martyn Bell of Bridgwater Camera Club. We asked that entrants enter two photographs, and each photograph was judged on their individual merit.

Congratulations to the Winners and runners up, who won prizes as follows.

## **Children's Category 5-7**

1<sup>st</sup> prize - Tate Winter age 7 years, £25 Amazon Voucher.

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - No entries



## **Children's Category 8-11**

1<sup>st</sup> prize - Jessica Deards age 11, £25 Amazon Voucher

2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No entries



### **Adult Category 18+**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize –Sophie Bailey, £25 Amazon Voucher.



2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Sophie Bailey, £15 Amazon Voucher.



3<sup>rd</sup> prize - Andreea Olaru, £10 Amazon Voucher.



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## **SID & SPEED WATCH REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025**

The Police visited Wembdon on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September and 61 drivers were caught in just over an hour on Wembdon Hill, with 43mph being the highest speed recorded. The previous day 30+ drivers were caught on Wembdon Rise.

Letters of intending prosecution will be sent to them!

The Speed Watch Team have not met recently due to holiday commitments. Councillor Richard Hubbard has passed his online training and will become part of the roadside team in due course.

The mobile SID has been on the Hill going west bound and has now been moved to the opposite side going eastbound. It's no longer possible to get data from this SID – it's 10 years old and the internal software is corrupted. It still acts as a reminder to motorists of their speed. The batteries have been replaced in this unit.

### **FIXED SOLAR SIDs**

Much of the data has remained unchanged, however there are definite increased speeds approaching the Sandford Hill SID and the police may well be targeting this area in the coming months.

Please remember that the speed limit is there for your benefit, it is not intended as a punishment, but to keep everyone safe. So please do keep to the speed limit, we don't want any residents getting prosecuted or any nasty accidents.



## Thanks to Mike Solomon

who has retired after 15 years involvement with Wembdon Village Hall and Playing Fields. He also spent 20 years as a parish councillor, but you only need to see the hall and the coffee shop full of local people and the playing fields full of young people and adults to know that these are his greatest legacy.

It all started in 2007 when the Parish

Council survey led to the Wembdon Parish Plan and revealed that the village wanted a community hall and playing fields.

In 2010 Mike started the Wembdon Recreational Development Group, with the intention to build a small village hall somewhere in Wembdon.

This ambition changed somewhat when, inevitably with a large input from Mike, we obtained a £900,000 grant from Viridor Credits. The group morphed into the Wembdon Village Hall and Playing Fields Trust, and it joined forces with Wembdon Cricket Club, Wembdon Junior Football Club and Wembdon Sunshiners.

It turned into the project from hell! Some of the people and organisations that we had thought would be helpful were very difficult and caused long delays. The cost of building materials soared and by September 2013 the project was looking doomed, but Mike refused to give up and continued to drive the project. He and the trustees survived yet another disaster when the contractor building the hall went bankrupt but eventually in July 2017, against all odds, they delivered the wonderful facility that we have today - for a mere £2.3 million.

Mike put in countless hours as a trustee and a very successful ambassador for the Green as shown when he negotiated the conversion of a large loan from the District Council to a grant. He was always willing to get his hands dirty, and he put in a huge shift as the chief operating officer and as a voluntary maintenance man at the hall. Without Mike's drive, energy and determination there is no doubt that our fantastic hall and playing fields would not exist. The people of Wembdon and the surrounding areas owe Mike Solomon a huge debt of gratitude and we wish him a long and happy retirement.



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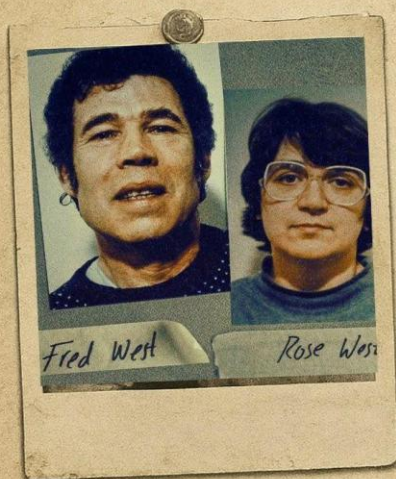
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## Wembdon Cricket Club – Season 2025

It was another successful season for the Parish's cricket club, with a number of teams securing honours on the field, and the return of the very popular Beer, Cider & Music Festival.

In Saturday senior cricket, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, led by Dan Bingham won Division 1 of the Somerset Cricket League, which will see them promoted into the Premier Division of that competition for

2026. The Sunday XI made it to a third successive Finals day but were unable to retain their 20-over knock-out title, having won it in each of the previous two years.



Another Wembdon title was recorded by the women's team, as they finished as champions of the Wraith T20 Softball League while in junior cricket, the U15s team finished as both County League and Knockout Cup champions, beating Bath CC in the final. They then went on to beat Wiltshire champions Potterne CC, before being knocked out in the semi-finals of the Southern Area eliminators.

While winning competitions is always a highlight, the club's continued focus on providing cricket opportunities for children is paying dividends with record numbers of young players signing up for its All-Stars programme and the club fielding its first ever girls team.

Off the field, thousands of people from the local community enjoyed the 3-day Beer, Cider & Music Festival in early June and we're thrilled to announce it's coming back on 12-14 June 2026.

The club would like to thank its sponsors for their ongoing support, without which, local cricket would struggle to thrive.





## Can you help Bob to Find the lady?

On the back wall of St George's Church there are 2 brass plaques listing the names of Wembdon people who died in WW1 and 2. There are 27 names for WW1 and 18 names for WW2. These are people who fought and died in the service of their country.

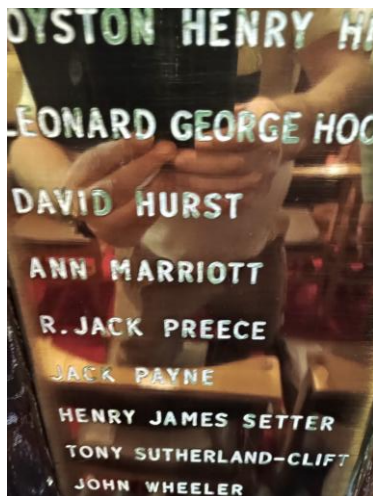
What stories lie behind the names?

For some years I have been attempting to produce details of the war service of these people whose names are recorded on these Memorial boards. With the help of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and Bridgwater Mercury pages of the times I have found some details of most of the people listed there.

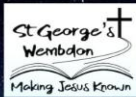
There is one name that remains a complete mystery. The WW2 board has the name of the only lady to appear on either board. Ann Marriott. She does not appear in any record I have searched so far. Who was she? Is there anybody reading this who might know who she was, or who knows if there are members of the Marriott family in the area who could help with details of her war service.

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Wembdon Parish Council holds its meetings in the Village Hall at 7pm 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 meetings and learn all about the activities of the Council, and what is happening in Wembdon. The next Parish Council meetings will be held in the Village Hall on Mondays 13<sup>th</sup> October 10<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

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