

Wembdon Parish Paper Edition 52



This photo was taken at The Parklands in early September.
Somewhere, there is a squirrel.
Can you spot it ????

From your Parish Clerk



I hope you have all survived the long hot summer, it seems it is becoming our normal these days. Thankfully we had a water supply installed to the Parklands in May, just in time to keep the plants alive!

Did you spot the squirrel? There are also many other wildlife species living on the Parklands, like foxes and badgers, and many different mice.

You may have noticed the footpath from Homberg Way to Booth Way has been resurfaced. This was funded by the Parish Council as Somerset didn't feel it needed repair! We feel this will keep happening, which is why we have a pot of money set aside for the purpose of bridging their shortcomings due to devolution and the fact that Somerset Council have no money!

If you see an issue with a pavement, footpath, streetlight, blocked gullies or a pothole and many other issues, you can report them yourselves to Somerset Council using Report a Problem on the Road.

There is a direct link on the front page of our website

www.wembdonparish.gov.uk

EDF have finally made it easier to report Fly Parking by Hinkley workers!! Go to edfenergy.com/flyparking and fill in a short form. We will add a link to our website to make it even easier to report.

Keeping your boundaries maintained is an important part of safe pedestrian movement around the village. Please check your plants aren't restricting any pathways adjoining your property. If you do not keep pathways clear, Somerset Highways can force you to do so.

Finally, we would like to invite you to join us for mulled wine and mince pies after our Parish Council meeting at Wembdon Village Hall on Monday 14th December.

Allotment News

It has been a very hard summer for gardeners and allotment holders growing anything this summer. Yields have been generally low no matter how diligently the watering. However, certain crops such as tomatoes and aubergines loved the sun and heat. A sign of the changing climate and maybe an indication of the need for growers to adjust what we grow.

The W.C.A. presented two trophies to allotment holders in recognition of the hard work that has been put in throughout the year. The allotments are judged ahead of Village Day. At the annual Allotment Holders' Meeting Richard was presented with the trophy for the Best Allotment and John and Anna for the Most Improved allotment. Both worthy winners, so hard to judge from so many excellent plots.



There have been quite a few changes of plot ownership this summer. Each time the vacancies have been filled quickly by parishioners from the waiting list. We welcome them to the Allotment community. Sadly, we are losing one of the allotment's 'elder statesmen' she has hung up her boots

and trowel after 50 years of hard work and commitment cultivating a plot. An incredible achievement, showing a steadfast resilience, no matter what mother nature threw her way over the years. We wish her well.

‘Blossom in Somerset’ is a provider which supports adults with learning difficulties to choose and access community activities. They have had a gardening project at the allotments for a few years. This coming year they want to make their small plot more accessible for those with mobility difficulties and those in wheelchairs to use by building raised beds. For this purpose, the allotment by the farmyard gate, marked by the Beacon, has been given to them to use, providing flatter ground, a good path and more space for the group to use safely. We look forward to seeing the progress they make over the autumn to the spring to get ready for the next growing season. Do say ‘Hello’ when you see them working there during the next growing season.



St George's Church Wembdon

Life, God, YOU! Curious?

There's a huge appetite for reading the Bible right now. In an increasingly uncertain world people are hungrier than ever for the truth. So, starting on 14th October 2026, we're hosting Through the Bible, a four-part course, considering Jesus through the book of Genesis.

Anyone's welcome to attend at the new St George's Church Parish Centre from 7.00-9.00pm. No prior knowledge is required or expected – we look forward to welcoming the Christian and the Curious!

For more information, speak to Simon via discipleship@sgw.org.uk

Look forward to seeing you!

INVITATION

to Through the Bible

Starts Wednesday 14th October 2026
7.00pm - 9.00pm

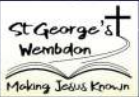
Week 1: Heaven and Earth
Wednesday 14th October, 7.00pm
Week 2: Fall and Judgement
Wednesday 21st October, 7.00pm
Week 3: Faith and Doubt
Wednesday 28th November, 7.00pm
Week 4: Down and Up
Wednesday 21st November, 7.00pm



St George's Church
Wembdon
Making Jesus Known

St George's Parish Centre,
Church Road, Wembdon, TA8 7BB

FREE EVENT



Sweets at each house

LIGHT TRAIL

Come on a light trail around Wembdon, finishing in the Parish Centre for crafts and nibbles.

30TH OCT
4.30-6.30PM

Children need to be with an adult

Trail starts at 6 Inwood Road



WEMBDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2026

Don't miss this annual treat!

To be held at
Blakes Road field, Wembdon (next to Church)

On

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026



FIREWORK DISPLAY at 7.00p.m.

(PROMPT START, PLEASE ARRIVE IN TIME)

**ADMISSION: - Adults £2 Children £1
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(FAMILY TICKET: £5 for 2 adults and up to 3 children)

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**Be there whatever the weather and support your local
Community Association.**



WEMBDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

AT ST GEORGE'S PARISH CENTRE, WEMBDON

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2026 - 7.30 PM

TEAMS OF 4 - £10 PER TABLE

CHARITY RAFFLE

Wembdon Village Day 31st August 2026

Not a record breaker this year but an enjoyable day nevertheless, with plenty to do for the young and those slightly more advanced in age.

Whilst the hot summer obviously affected the number of Fruit & Vegetable entries in the Show, the rain on the morning of the event also discouraged a few stallholders, car booters and early-bird visitors. However, the sun shone through by midday and the afternoon brought the usual raft of fun and activity across the Green, Field, Common, Parish Centre and Church. It was also so encouraging to welcome a good number of new entrants in the younger classes of the Show.

The event still raised a reasonable profit, just in excess of £5200, to go towards further activities, events and voluntary organisations within Wembdon. The WCA is extremely reliant upon, and grateful to those in the village who come along to help or support us at our events. We could not function without you.

Our AGM is on Thursday 26th November at 7.30 p.m. in St George's Parish Centre. There's a warm welcome waiting for those who would like to join us.

SID & Speedwatch Report October 2026

The Speedwatch Team met on 1st September at the top of Wembdon Hill, outside No. 84, between 4 and 5pm. Two Avon & Somerset Police Officers from HPC also attended and monitored vehicles with a certified Speed Monitoring Gun. In summary: 135 vehicles monitored within 1 hour; 26 were recorded over 26mph; highest Speed was 31mph (recorded by the Police).

The two vehicles recorded by the Police as travelling over 26mph will each receive a fine and points on their licence. Both drivers are workers at HPC. It was very encouraging to have the Police present with the Speed Monitoring Gun. Hopefully this can be continued.

The Mobile SID (Speed Indicating Device) is still at the top of Sandford Hill on the junction of Moore's Lane and Skimmerton Lane going eastbound (inbound).

Fixed Solar SIDs

The speeds recorded remain generally constant. The maximum speeds are still of great concern. Speed data for September:

Sandford Hill

Average speed (Incoming): 26.3mph

Average speed (Outgoing): 29.6mph

Maximum speed (Incoming) = 65mph

Maximum speed (Outgoing) = 68mph

Average vehicles per day (incoming): 520

Average vehicles per day (outgoing): 367

Wembdon Rise (Wares Lane)

Average speed (towards NDR): 20.5mph

Average speed (towards Wembdon Hill): 21.4mph

Maximum Speed (towards NDR) = 58mph

Maximum Speed (towards Wembdon Hill) = 52mph

Average vehicles per day (towards NDR): 1026

Average vehicles per day (towards Wembdon Hill): 990

Wembdon Rise

Average speed (incoming from NDR) = 20.1mph

Average speed (outgoing towards NDR) = 21.7mph

Maximum speed (incoming from NDR) = 59mph

Maximum speed (outgoing towards NDR) = 67mph

Average vehicles per day (incoming from NDR): 1442

Average vehicles per day (outgoing towards NDR): 1438

Do you think ...

... it's reasonable to drive from Sandford Hill onto Wembdon Hill at more than 50mph?

56 drivers thought so in August.

... it's reasonable to drive along Wembdon Rise at more than 45mph?

41 drivers coming from the NDR and 27 going towards the NDR thought so in August.

Were they thinking?

20's Plenty



Where people are

20's Plenty for Us campaigns for 20mph as the default speed limit for urban and village streets where people live, work, shop, play and learn.

www.20splenty.org

Does Your Bush Need a Trim?

It may be time to get the hedge cutter out!



Please keep public paths clear.

Vegetation growing from your property must not overhang or obstruct a public footpath or right of way.

Why it matters

- Keeps pavements and paths safe and easy to use
- Helps people with pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility aids
- Improves visibility for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers
- Prevents branches, thorns and wet foliage causing a nuisance

Take a quick look along your boundary.

If greenery reaches beyond it, please cut it back before it becomes an obstruction. Where vegetation is left overhanging, the highways authority may take enforcement action.

A little trim makes a big difference.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT
FAIR**
Wembdon Village Hall
SUNDAY,
15 NOVEMBER 2026
10 am – 3.30 pm

Browse the fantastic selection of crafts on display in the Main Hall and upstairs in the Sedgemoor Room (lift available). Find the perfect gift or special treat and support local businesses

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Upcoming Events

at **The Green at Wembdon**

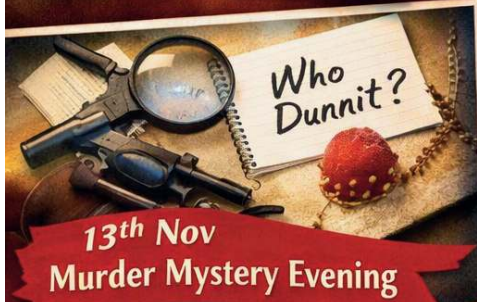
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31st Oct
Fancy Fish & Chips
after the Firework Display



October Half Term
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13th Nov
Murder Mystery Evening



19th Dec
80s Night Christmas Party



26th Dec
Boxing Day Event

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Wembdon Village Hall News

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Parish Council meetings

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 12th October, 9th November, and 14th December at 7pm.

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

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