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Editorial

With very many thanks for all the continued splendid response you give to Roundabout for without your contributions and advertisements it could not exist! Please continue to send in your articles for our Spring edition – due out in early March – by 15 January 2012.

With all good wishes to everyone for Christmas and 2012 from all members of the Wistaston Community Council.

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Dates for your Diary

Friday 9 Dec. 2011	Christmas Concert
Monday 16 Jan. 2012	Wistaston Community Council AGM
Friday 16 Mar. 2012	Spring Concert
Saturday 16 June 2012	Village Fete
Saturday 18 Aug. 2012	Flower and Produce Show
Saturday 1 Sept. 2012	Duck Race

The Annual General Meeting of the Wistaston Community Council will be held in the Wistaston Memorial Hall on Monday 16 January 2012 at 7.30pm and a cordial invitation is given to everyone who would like to attend. Come and see what the Community Council is about! Do join us.

The Wistaston Community Council organises village events with some of these being run for charity. The Summer Fete, held in June, is organised in conjunction and with the kind support of St Mary's Church and is the biggest fund raising event of the year. We aim to help individuals or groups where a small donation would help with their local efforts. If you would like to know more send your details to the Secretary of the Community Council, 54 Sandylands Park, Tel: 01270 664467. The Community Council's other events are the Flower and Produce Show, Fireworks Display and the Christmas Concert which is coming shortly – on Friday 9 December.

Wistaston Community Council's

Annual Christmas Concert

with Myra Wood and the Wells Green Choir and musicians from Shavington School

Friday 9 December 2011 at 7pm in St Mary's Church Hall



Tickets: Adults £5 : Children £2 including seasonal refreshments
available from Spar at Kings Drive or the Church Office, Tel: 567119

All profits from this event will be donated to children's charities

Service of Remembrance at Wistaston Memorial Hall Sunday 13 November



l-r Bob Cowan - Brian Edge - George - Barbara Brereton - John Cooke - John White - Alan Brereton

Over 170 people attended the Service of Remembrance at the Wistaston Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoon. Those present included local residents, several Parish Councillors, members of the Royal British Legion, plus Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from the Wistaston 35th SWC Scout Group. The Girl Guides from Wells Green Church attended for the first time in several years. The poppy display was arranged by Olive Williams. The music was provided by Myra Wood and members of the Wells Green Church Choir. The Service was led by Rev Mike Turnbull and Rev Ken Sambrook (St Mary's Church, Wistaston) and Rev Martin Moran (Oblate Retreat Centre). A list of the names of the sixteen men from Wistaston was read by Barbara Brereton. A special tribute was paid to one of the sixteen men from Wistaston who perished in WW2 - Acting Sub Lieutenant Thomas Eric Richards - who had lived in Rope Lane, Wells Green. He died on 15th December 1941 at the age of 20, when his aeroplane - Fairey Albacore - crashed into the sea following a bombing raid on Derna Airport in north Africa. The collection raised £230.50 for The Royal British Legion.

Wreaths were placed at the front of the Hall by John Cooke (Hall's President) and Barbara Brereton (who read the names of Wistaston's sixteen heroes and a memorial cross was placed by James (a Beaver).

The Hall's Chairman John White said, "This Service of Remembrance proved to be a most appropriate and popular gathering, attended by so many people that every chair in the Hall was in use. As Beaver Jonathan said, 'These men gave their lives for our freedom and we must never forget them'."

Text: Jonathan White for John White
Photo: Christopher White

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Wistaston Annual Hall Quiz - Tuesday 25 October 2011

On Tuesday evening 25th October 2011, 17 teams of 4 people participated in 6 rounds of 10 questions, during the Annual Hall Quiz for the Fred Lorimer trophy. The quizmaster was Geoff Armitage ably assisted by markers/scorers Sheila Armitage, Maggie Ashley and Meurig Jones. The raffle was organised by Margaret Gaffney, Andrea Ollerhead, Christopher White and Jonathan White. Thank you for the numerous prizes kindly donated by the organisations participating. The half-time refreshments were organised by Audrey Astbury, Helenor King, Delphia Mackeen and Olive Williams. The winning team, '4 in the corner', with 44 points consisting of Andrea Ollerhead, Juliet Gordon, Pete Jones and Christopher White were presented with the prestigious Fred Lorimer trophy by the hall's Vice President John Cooke. In second place were 'Scrabblers' with 40 points and joint-third were 'Hall Stars' and '3 Wise men + 1' with 38 points.



4 in the corner receive the trophy
l-r: Pete; Juliet; Christopher; Andrea; John Cooke

Event organiser John White said, 'We had another enjoyable and successful community event, which raised £165 for hall funds. We thank everybody who supported this annual event for the Fred Lorimer trophy'.

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Long Lost Laws & Medieval Mischief

As this edition of "Roundabout" is issued to coincide with the Festive Season, we thought it may be appropriate to be a little less serious in our own offering. So, instead of our usual Legal Help Column, we present our Olde England Legal Trivia Column.

Magazines and newspapers will occasionally print articles with titles such as "Silly Laws of England" and it was one such article, which stated that it was illegal to "carry a bag of soot in Congleton", that aroused my interest into why such a law existed, or actually still exists in some cases, as nobody has ever bothered to repeal them.

The wording of the bye-law in Congleton is roughly this " No person shall within 200 yards of any street or public place, unless effectually screened from view, bathe from the bank or any stretch of water, or from any boat thereon, without wearing a dress or covering sufficient to prevent indecent exposure of the person. No person shall willfully and persistently loiter at or near the entrance to any church, chapel or other place of worship to the annoyance or obstruction of any person going to, attending at or returning from divine service in such church, chapel or other place of public worship. No person shall in any street or public place, to the inconvenience or danger of passengers, carry or convey along any footpath any bag of soot, lime or other offensive substance, or any pointed or edged tools or implements not properly protected"

Now, whilst it is true that it is "illegal to carry a bag of soot in Congleton", a closer reading of the bye-law suggests to me that the Council were well ahead of their time as the first part of the law deals with what, at the time, was seen as anti social behaviour whilst the latter part could well be one of this country's earliest pieces of Health & Safety legislation. Although, I am still at a loss to explain why nude bathing, church loitering and soot transportation were such big issues in this particular town.

A few miles in the other direction, our neighbours in Chester had more serious issues to consider. Following the 1403 Welsh rebellion led by Owen Glendower (who had trained as a solicitor), the Earl of Chester ordered that all Welsh people and their supporters should be expelled from the city. Additionally there is a city ordinance which states that "No Welshman may enter the city before sunrise or stay after sunset on pain of decapitation". Happily there is no evidence that this punishment was ever carried out, but equally there is no evidence that the order was ever repealed.

Other towns had similar laws. In Hereford they still say it is legal to shoot a Welshman on a Sunday, but in York, locals still claim that it is lawful to shoot a Scotsman with a bow and arrow on any day except Sunday.

Moving away from legal assassination, you have probably heard the term "Thieves Charter" but may be unaware that this was a very early attempt at consumer protection legislation. Correctly called the "Market Overt Rules" and introduced in 1189, they dealt with outdoor markets and maintained that anything purchased from a stallholder between sunrise and sunset (perhaps allowing Welshmen to get home safely) remained the legal property of the buyer even if the item subsequently was established to be stolen property. Whilst this did not protect the thief from punishment, it certainly exempted the purchaser from all other laws regarding stolen property and gave the original owner no right of recovery. This law was only abolished in 1995.

America is often quoted as a source for bizarre local laws, but my research has again suggested that this is not always the whole story. I recently read that, in a particular small corner of the country, it was "Illegal to sing the alphabet in public after midnight". When I tracked down the relevant law, it actually stated that it was illegal to sing or shout, in the street or other public places, after midnight. So whilst the headline may have some comedic merit, the actual law is one that I am sure many of us would welcome. However not all their laws are as easily traced and I am still trying to establish why Elephants may not be used to plough cotton fields in North Carolina.

I am sure that is enough legal trivia for one article, but if any reader has any similar examples, particularly relating to our local area, I would be pleased to hear from you, perhaps for a similar article next year.

We will be back in the next "Roundabout" looking at a more serious and current legal issue but in the meantime, everyone at Bowcock Cuerden would like to wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

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Wistaston Village Cricket Club.

(Founded 1980)

For Wistaston Village Cricket Club, 2011 produced a more than comfortable season, which commenced on a bright Easter weekend and finished on a windswept Brittles on 18th September, some twenty-two weeks later. In between there would be matches to remember and possibly some that would want to be forgotten.

Firstly to our **1st** and **2nd XI teams.** In **Autumn's** editorial it was reported that the **1st XI** were nicely placed in joint second position in **The Cheshire Alliance Division 1** and the **2nd XI** were rooted to the bottom of **Division3.** By the end of the season our **1st XI finished a creditable 6th position and the 2nd XI recovered extremely well to finish 8th.**

Our Under 9's through to Under 15's produced good cricket and our **Girls Under 13's** playing in **League South** produced a noteworthy 100 per cent record.

extremely promising. Once again our junior members found themselves playing in the **2nd, 3rd and Wombats XI** and they acquitted themselves extremely well. In future years they will be the back-bone of the club.

Our **President's Day in early September** went ahead despite the possibility of bad weather (and a small hurricane from across "the pond", not withstanding). Attendance was a little disappointing but feedback from everyone who did make it on the day was encouraging. The junior **13's Vs 15's match** was well contested and the traditional **President's XI Vs Chairman's XI** ended in victory for the Presidents team.

The club's presentation evening took place on **Saturday 17th September** at **St Mary's Hall**, attended by senior and junior players with proud parents in attendance. Honours for **2011** were as follows: In the junior section, **Under 9's** best bowling award went to **Charlie Collins** and **Adam Brierley** collected the batting award. In the **Under 11's** best

	P	w	l	BatP	BowlP	Pen	Ave	Pts
Wistaston Village CC - Girls Under 13	4	4	0	15	7	0	10.5	42
Bunbury CC - Girls Under 13	3	1	2	8	5	0	7.33	22
Middlewich CC - Girls Under 13	3	0	3	4	4	0	4.67	14

'p' = Played 'w'= Won (5 points), 'l'= Lost (2 points), 'batp' = Batting Bonus Points, 'bowp' = Bowling Bonus Points, 'pen' = Penalty Points, 'nrr' = Net Run Rate, 'aver' = Average Points, 'pts' = Total Points

The **Sunday XI League XI** playing in the **Sunday Division 4 West** experienced a somewhat mixed campaign with a final record from **18 fixtures** of **4 wins, 3 draws and 9 defeats** with one abandoned and one cancelled.

IMPORTANT CRICKETING NOTICE

Girls aged 7 – 15 years wishing to play cricket in the future, please contact Pauline Jobbins on 01270 663699 for details on winter coaching, ready for the 2012 season. Cricket nets at Brine Leas High School, Nantwich have been arranged for Saturday mornings 0930am – 1100am commencing 29th October for 8 weeks. The cost of the cricket nets will be £50. (Please contact ECB to book)

From a **personal** point of satisfaction, our **Sunday Social XI "Wistaston Wombats"** conducted a spirited campaign winning **six** of their **nine** matches which included **a run of six victories**. This was made more creditable due to not really commencing our campaign until **mid- July**, due to earlier fixtures being cancelled to accommodate cup matches for our 2nd XI in their extended run or by cancellations by our opposition at the eleventh hour. **Congratulations to them.**

2011 like 2010 has again been both a year of expansion and improvement for our cricket club. The junior membership continues to thrive and the club fielded ten sides every week. Grants and Fund raising activities have assisted the club to purchase new machinery and accessories and at grass roots level the future of our village cricket club continues to remain

bowler was judged to be **Lewis Palin** and best batsman award was made to **Sam Cotton. Under 13's** best bowler award went to **James Tweets** and **Olly Botham** collected the best batsman award. **Player of the Year award was made to Matt Hole.**

Hannah Thornhill collected the bowling award and **Hannah Bratt** the batting award in the **Under 13's Girls XI.** The **Under 15's** bowling award was made to **Adam David** who also collected the batting award. **Jack Stokes was voted Player of the Year.** Finally **Under 18's** awards went to **Alex Smith** bowling and **Luke Robinson** batting.

In the Adult section**, First Eleven** the best bowler award went to **Dean Titus**, with **Dan Blundred** collecting the best batsman award. **Second Eleven** awards went to **Martin Brown** (bowling) and **Leroy Maynard** (batting). **Sunday County League** awards went to **Alex Heaton** (bowling) and **Paul Heaton** (batting). Finally the **Sunday Social Eleven** (**Wistaston Wombats)** awards were presented to Luke Briddon (bowling) and Ben Lown (batting).

The Howard West Trophy, annually presented to the club's most improved player, was awarded to **Dean Huxley.** Club girl of the year was awarded to **Alice Wilson**, and Club boy of the year was awarded to **Alex Heaton**

The President's Trophy was awarded to our **Ned Townsend.**

As one season finishes, we are already preparing for the new season. Work has already commenced on improving our playing facilities for the **2012** campaign. As you read this editorial, indoor nets are scheduled

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to commence in January. **Please take note of the times and days when club nets take place**.

Seniors:
Mondays 7.00p.m. – 9.00p.m. – Start Date 9th Jan 2012 – Easter. £3 Per session per person.
Juniors:
Tuesdays 6.00p.m. – 8.00p.m. – Start Date 24th Jan 2012 – Easter. £3 Per session per person.

By the time this editorial goes to print, the club's **A.G.M.** would have taken place **(24TH November)** and therefore the resulting election of club officials will be shown in the **Spring's** edition of **"Roundabout**" together with all our relevant latest club information.

Readers of the "Roundabout" who have an interest in the cricket club may find the following two web-sites useful:-
www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk/roundabout.html
and www.creweguardian.co.uk/sport/

We offer cricket to adults and juniors of **all** standards and are proud of our record on being very much a child friendly and progressive cricket club. We were awarded the **E.C.B. Club Mark** in May 2005 and **re-credited** in **2009. Interested in joining W.V.C.C.?** Please contact **Kevin Jobbins :- Tel: 01270 663699** in the first instance. The cricket club holds Bingo evenings every third Friday of each month at the Wistaston pavilion lounge to raise funds and a warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to join us. Bingo evenings recently re-started after a summer break and will continue well into **2012.**

For more details of our Bingo evenings and any aspect of our cricket club please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins on 01270 663699**.

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Wistaston's Celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Wistaston Parish Council and Wistaston Community Council have each provided three members to form a steering committee to help Wistonians with their celebrations of our monarch's sixty year reign. This action mirrors the events of the Queen's Silver Jubilee in l977 when a wonderful community spirit blossomed which has been maintained ever since.

Obviously people's thoughts will be turning to street parties, picnics and similar activities and throughout the year various happenings such as concerts and fun days will be held.

To help Wistonians with their celebrations Roundabout will carry information as will the web site: www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk and of course people will be able to use both these facilities for themselves and their activities.

To begin with use the web address of Cheshire East Council www.cheshireeast.gov.uk then the link leisure, culture and tourism in Cheshire. This web site will be able to help in setting up street parties etc and if you don't have access to a computer phone Jane Kavanagh on 01270 685854 for assistance.

It is hoped that many people will take part and help to make 2012 a very memorable year in the annals of Wistaston.

Christmas at St Mary's

You would be most welcome to join us at one (or all!) of the services below as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Further details can be found on our website: www.stmaryswistaston.org.uk or tel: 567119 and may I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas from myself and all at St Mary's Wistaston.

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17th December (Saturday)
6.30pm - Carols on the Green outside the Church Hall
18th December (Sunday)
6.30pm - Nine Lessons and Carols
24th December (Saturday - Christmas Eve)
6.30pm - Crib Service including the Sunday School Nativity Play
11.30pm - Midnight Holy Communion
25th December (Sunday - Christmas Day)
9am - Holy Communion (St Luke's, Willaston)
10.40am Holy Communion for Christmas for all the family
31st December (Saturday)
11.30pm Watch Night Service

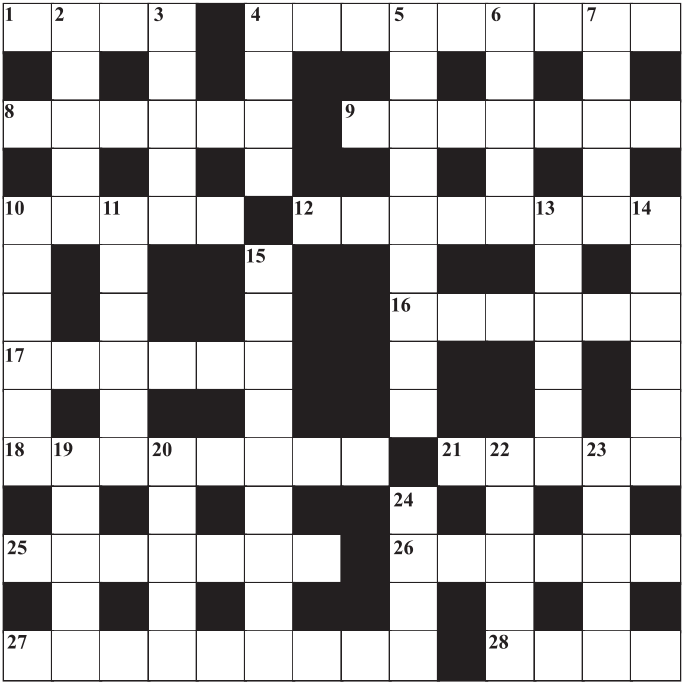
Helen De Falco updates us on 'Mr Scruffy' – the dishevelled blackbird

'2012 and all that…'

The call of the Olympics has proved too much for Mr Scruffy and we have been abandoned! He was last seen practising on the lawn at 15 Swift Close. The speed he was seen running and low-level flying to get at his food was unbelievable. It was worthy of a Gold Medal at least. Anyway we haven't seen him since going on holiday. Has anyone seen him? Maybe I should ask in the London area!

Winter Crossword

Solution next issue



Across

1. 8 and 18 1963 James Bond film that featured Robert Shaw and Lotte Lenya (4,6,4,4)
4. Large rodent with body and tail covered with long, erectile spines (9)
8. See 1
9. Ralph Waldo —, poet and essayist who founded a centre of transcendentalism (7)
10. In the Old Testament, the father of David (5)
12. Black or golden-coated dog used for retrieving game (8)
16. John –, former member of the Beatles, killed by Mark Chapman (6)
17. Industrial city in France, capital of Brittany (6)
18. See 1
21. Surname of a famous German Renaissance engraver and painter (5)
25. Californian timber tree that often reaches a height of 100 metres (7)
26. Film for which Sir John Gielgud won an Oscar as best supporting actor (6)
27. Undisputed world heavyweight boxing champion, l987-90 (4,5)
28. God of war of the ancient Greeks (4)

Down

2. Fine red powder used for colouring cheeks (5)
3. Jewish lawgiver and judge who as a baby was hidden in bulrushes in the Nile (5)
4. Partially decayed vegetable matter used as fuel, etc. (4)
5. Historical enemies of the MacDonalds following the massacre at Glencoe (9)
6. Long, fur jacket with an attached hood, worn in Arctic regions and conditions (5)
7. Joshua – , Zimbabwean politician who was president of ZAPU from l961 (5)
10. Industrial town in Tyne and Wear, about 5 miles E. of Newcastle (6)
11. Keyboard instrument like a small harpsichord (6)
13. U.S. city in which the soap opera Dynasty was set (6)
14. Pierre Auguste –, French painter noted for his nudes (6)
15. In medicine, the laboratory study of cells and tissues (9)
19. Ancient British people of eastern England who revolted against the Romans in AD 61 (5)
20. Hole in the front of a ship through which a cable passes (5)
22. Beyond the limit, range, etc. (5)
23. Short musical composition or exercise (5)
24. In the Old Testament, the eldest son of Adam (4)

Submitted by John Avery



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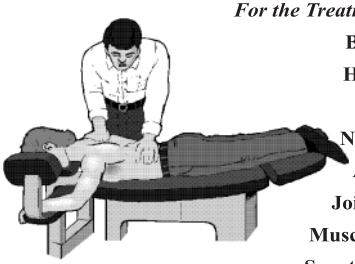
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Nature Roundabout

Despite the muggy summer our swifts didn't care to hang on much beyond 30 July. Even swallow numbers dwindled suddenly around that date and in the countryside in August were already gathering on wires. Our last recording was October 1st. Without the constant twittering the air abruptly holds a deathly hush. As the breeding season draws to a close small flocks of other birds pass overhead, notably goldfinches, keeping together through their soft contact calls. Buzzards, three or five at a time, are making a resurgence, and a kestrel was once seen in the trees of the allotments bank in Sandylands Park. Coal tits continue to haunt the conifers and on one occasion a single black-backed gull chose our lawn to steal scraps in the absence of corvids and felines.

One day in August a heron was seen looming large on the grass at Joey the Swan, in the area between the two streams, facing the road. It was statuesque, with its wings held out, and only after close watchfulness, to see the head slightly move, came the certainty that it wasn't made of stone. At least ten minutes elapsed while the bird held the stance. The heron is a sure sign, as with the much reported kingfisher, that our water courses are nicely stocked with fish and therefore healthy. In Tudor times herons were protected despite their being the archetypal plunderer of ponds, since they were preserved for the sport of falconry. It seems strange for such a large bird to be the quarry of raptors. This year, for the first time, we have seen a *pair* of herons fly over.

That July butterfly, the gatekeeper, held on into August, the most common of the Lepidoptera visiting our own garden. Apart from whites we had only the occasional blue, red admiral or small tortoiseshell, but plenty of bees or slimline hoverflies on hypericum.

The Sandylands fox was seen again on 2 August, 11.30 p.m., on the frontages, the black tip of his brush (yes, let's get technical) our only glimpse of him. Just one day in August we were delighted by a pair of what appeared to be baby wood mice scurrying around the back garden. They were not particularly afraid of us, but were too active to make good photographs. Plenty of pictures were, none-the-less, taken, for fear they made their almost inevitable departure down a cat! Since the annual clearing out of the compost heap no mice have been seen in there, but we do wonder if these babies are descendants of that one adult we had. The youngsters were very sweet, inspecting everything they passed, and sitting up squirrel-like, holding items to nibble in their paws.

As September's autumn tints arrived we heard, from time to time, the song of chiffchaff. Wouldn't it be nice if this bird overwintered, as we're told it sometimes does.

The bumper crops of acorns ought to be attracting jays, but there won't be many left in Sandylands Park if the resident wood pigeons continue to glut on them.

To end with a mystery. Cherry stones, with portions of skin and stalk attached, were found, in the fruiting season, deposited outside our door. We can't think what would be responsible for these.

Our thanks to all contributors.

Trevor and Hilary Clowes

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Charity walk Sunday 16th October 2011

A group of friends and relatives from Wistaston and Willaston recently completed a charity walk in Nantwich. Olive & Graham Starling, Jill & Dave Bossons, Carol & Brian Hassall, Sue & David Martin, Ann & Terry O'Connor and Tony & Maureen Mason walked the 3 mile length of the Nantwich Riverside Loop - http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/leisure,_culture_and_tourism/ranger_service/free_walk_leaflets.aspx - which opened earlier this year and raised £55 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. They chose this charity as their nurses were very kind to Tony & Maureen Mason's mother when she was terminally ill .

Tony Mason

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International Carol Service

Sunday 25th December 10.00am
Christmas Morning Family Service

Note - there is NO Sunday evening meeting on Christmas Day

Saturday 31st December 10.45pm
New Year's Eve Thanksgiving Service

Wistaston Green Townswomen's Guild

In August David Greatorex gave a very interesting talk on the origin of surnames when he told us that his own name had 43 different spellings. Throughout history when there was very little written evidence and many people were illiterate the spelling of names became distorted. Accents of course could also have played their part when names were pronounced differently. David went back as far as 1066 with the Norman invasion and influence with many different cultures affecting our way of life. By 1350, with the exception of Wales, came the advent of 'given names'. As we look back in history we see a great deal of movement of the population and where poverty struck and children were moved away from their parents they were given a surname chosen by the guardian or authority of the time leaving them with no identity and no knowledge of their birth mother. From this sad state of affairs David moved to a more light-hearted side of surnames and their origins; some of course relate to occupation and others to place of birth. One member wondered about the origin of her name only to discover that 'Lavender' was associated with washer women which she thought quite amusing. Another with the name 'Tilley' found that it was related to Normandy. Ancestry is a growing pastime; have you ever thought of delving into the origin of your surname? You may well have a surprise or two in store!

After a few years of 'Turkey and Tinsel' it was decided to try to catch a bit of the waning sun so a trip to South Wales was organised by Nantwich Guild to which our members were invited. So in early September the group headed to Llanelli calling in Ludlow, the delightful historic Shropshire town which was holding a Food Fayre at the time; always a good move with our ladies. In just four days they covered a great deal of ground with one or two unscheduled changes to the itinerary due on one day to gales preventing them from visiting St David's and another when the coach developed a mechanical fault truncating their day but by way of compensation a wonderful afternoon tea was laid on by their hotel which was appreciated by all. Their outings took in Laugharne and Dylan Thomas's house and Carmarthen Castle. With good food and accommodation left behind their final tour took in the Welsh Valleys.

It was with great sadness that a large number of members gathered to say farewell to a long-standing member, Clarice Parker. Clarice, a lively and intelligent lady enjoyed life to the full. She was an early member of the Wistaston Green Guild and at one time its Vice Chairman but still had time to devote to her family. Her interests included bowling, whist, walking, holidaying abroad, Spanish, scrabble, U3a, history, gardening believing that education was one of the most important things in life. She embraced technology and gave amusement by shopping on-line at M&S. The Guild have adopted an anthem which the family thought fitting to be read out at her service entitled: **I am a Small Part of the World** by Sally Albrecht and Jay Althouse.

We will miss you Clarice.

September was a busy month with another trip to Hanley's Theatre Royal to see **Legally Blonde** – an unusual and surprising musical.

On to October when our meeting for the month welcomed Mr David Taylor, a retired farmer, whose life took on a complete transformation when the going got tough and diversification was the buzz word of the era. David had always taken a keen interest in the land and wildlife and having a large acreage was always going to present a challenge. He had an extremely boggy and unproductive area which he has developed and transformed successfully into lakes and wildlife conservation. He described the process assisted by photographs taken at various stages. His photography was stunning and everyone was left wanting to see more. He still has jobs to do on the farm but his life now revolves around wildlife photography, wildlife watching and the management of the Marton Heath Trout pools.

To round off October a number of members once again joined with Nantwich to attend the annual Social Evening hosted by our Federation at the Kings Hall, Stoke-on-Trent. At this event guilds are invited to decorate a table on a given theme which this year was royalty. Talent and imagination abounded and it is usually very difficult to choose a winner; however, Henry VIII stood out from the crowd – a model of Henry with a backdrop of Hampton Court with windows holding pictures of his unfortunate wives. Another covered the reign of our Queen whilst another was a beautiful miniature of Catherine's wedding dress. A lady called Lola sang songs down memory lane but the twist came when the history of the pieces was intertwined finishing off a very enjoyable evening.

As we look back on this year we have incorporated so much into our programme which has been diverse and entertaining whilst next year is planned already.

Dates for your 2012 diary:

5 Jan New Year Party
2 Feb Fancy Dress Clothes – Mrs M Taylor
1 Mar AGM followed by Fish & Chip Supper

Our meetings take place at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month at St Mark's Church Hall, Bramhall Road, Wistaston Green, Crewe.



Tom Glover with Barbara and Ian Graham from John Rigbys

Community Pride Competition

In the Community Pride Competition for the Community Newsletter, Roundabout received a Highly Commended award. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible.

Roundabout could not have won this award without the work and patience of our printers, John Rigby Printers (Crewe) Ltd, who have contributed such a lot to the production of Roundabout from working on its first drafts to the printing of each new issue of Roundabout. Without the distributors and deliverers Roundabout would not arrive through your letter box and so we say a big thank you to all.

We also need to thank you, our readers, for, of course, we could not have won anything without the contributions you make. You, the readers, contributors and advertisers make the magazine what it is. Please keep on sending them in.

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Wistaston Bowling Club Report

The green has bowled very well in the 2011 season. We had a new green keeper in Brian Gillott, one of our members, and we owe him a great deal for the way the green has bowled in his first year. Len Vernon raised a lot of money for the club via his bonus ball. We were delighted by the people who ran the social sub-committee, Chris Hope, Jan Young and Joan Boylan who provided a range of events, the green workers and not forgetting the people whose contribution keeps the club going, the President John Molloy, the chairman Peter Gill, the Secretary Beryl Davies and the Treasurer Betty Cooke. There are numerous workers who give time to the club.

The Chairman has said that he will stand down at the AGM in February so the members need to decide who should replace him. There will be several committee members who are not standing so anyone can put their names forward.

The competition winners and runners up for the 2011 season are as follows:

The Gladys Heap Trophy

Winner	Lesley Holland
Runner-up	Maureen Gillott

The George Bryant Trophy

Winners	Ken Swinswood/Lesley Holland
Runners-up	Derry Young/Jean Stubbs

Mixed Doubles Handicap

Winners	Derry Young/Kath Billington
Runners-up	Bert Watkinson/Joan Boylan

Ladies Doubles Handicap

Winners	Margaret Jones/Chris Hope
Runners-up	Jan Young/Jean Stubbs

Men's Doubles Handicap

Winners	Neil Smith/Alan Jones
Runners-up	Keith Cunliffe/Alan Whittingham

Ladies Singles Handicap

Winner	Chris Hope
Runner-up	Margaret Jones

Men's Singles Handicap

Winner	Keith Cunliffe
Runner-up	Peter Humphreys

Non-Winners Cup

Winner	Rob Holland
Runner-up	Austin Forbes

Green Championship

Winner	Peter Humphreys
Runner-up	John Shone

Finally, we have a few vacancies for members. We welcome anyone whatever their age but we would like a few younger members.

John Cooke

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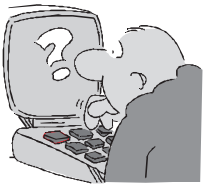
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The Wistaston Singers Concert
Sat 15th Oct 2011



120 people watched The Wistaston Singers in concert at St Mary's Church, Church Lane in Wistaston on Saturday 15th October 2011. Phil Houghton, Musical Director, introduced each item and the programme included soloists Margaret Morris (Soprano), Jane Hale (Flute), Christopher White (Ukulele) and Phil Houghton himself on the Organ. Jane Hale was also the Accompanist for the evening. The choir sang Sing A Song Of Sixpence (Diack), The Lord is my shepherd (Goodall), All in the April Evening (Roberton), Te Deum (Stanford), You'll Never Walk Alone (Rodgers and Hammerstein), Cantique (Faure), All Things Bright and Beautiful (Rutter), The Teddy Bear's Picnic (Bratton), The Policemen's Chorus and When Britain really ruled the waves (Gilbert and Sullivan), Clare Benediction (Rutter). The audience was invited to join in for Jerusalem (Parry), Sweet is Thy work (Parker) and Cwm Rhondda (Hughes). Refreshments were served during the interval. Proceeds to go to St Mary's Church funds. Musical Director Phil Houghton said, "The Wistaston Singers performed a wide variety of music at St Mary's Church to a rapturous audience. We perform all over South Cheshire to raise money for charity and we extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us."

The Wistaston Singers were originally formed by members of the choir at St Mary's Parish Church and now number some thirty-five members singing four-part harmony music. The choir perform a variety and eclectic choice of music ranging from choral church music and anthems, Gilbert and Sullivan items, music from the shows, music from modern composers such as John Rutter covering from the 17th century to the 20th century. They perform up to five concerts a year at various venues in South Cheshire and beyond and are also invited to perform at weddings in the area. The choir rehearse weekly in the parish rooms of St Mary's Church, Nantwich on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. New members are welcome and further details may be obtained from Choir Secretary Jill Oakes, Tel: 01270 662940 and email: jillandjohnoakes@uwclub.net

Jonathan White

The Wistaston Singers present their
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sat. 17th December 2011 at 3pm
at St Stephens Methodist Church, Gainsborough Road, Crewe
Refreshments
For further information contact
Jill Oakes - details as above.

The Innkeeper's Tale

I remember that night, the dead of winter,
Cold and with driving rain,
My inn was full, tight-packed,
And then two travellers came
And stood outside.
They begged a room,
(The woman pregnant and now past her time)
I shook my head, they turned away to leave
And then, I don't know why,
I offered them the stable where at least
They would be warm and dry.
Later, when trade had slackened,
I took them food. The stable yard
Was bright as noonday, for a star
Shone out above the roof, and inside
A child was lying in his mother's arms,
Not crying, calm and smiling too,
A boy, his eyes wide open, gazing round
As if the world was beautiful and new ...
I often wonder what became of him.

This wonderful poem was written by Joan Davenport of Wistaston.

Wistaston Variety Concert

Thursday 6 October 2011

Despite the wind and the rain, over 50 people attended the Variety Concert, which took place at the Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre, Church Lane, Wistaston. For the third year running there was local talent on show. Martin Robinson was the Master of Ceremonies. The entertainment was led by The Crewe Concert Band (formerly the Crewe West End Concert Band) under the Musical Director Albert Dunseath. The programme included trumpet solos by Jack Gresty, monologues by Tim Lloyd and musical items by Lauren Reece and Becky Jones. The raffle was organised by Glenys White, Meurig Jones, Andrea Ollerhead, Mark Ray, Jonathan White and Christopher White and proved another successful venture. The refreshments were organised by Helenor King, Delphia Mackeen, Margaret Williams, Olive Williams, Sue Brown and Eileen Bamber. Over £200 was raised from the event and proceeds will be shared between the Crewe Concert Band and the hall.

Organiser and Hall Chairman, John White, said, "It was a most enjoyable variety concert for the local community to appreciate. The Crewe Concert Band, under their Musical Director Albert Dunseath plus a guest conductor, were again at their brilliant best. Jack Gresty played his trumpet with maturity and skill. Tim Lloyd gave his humorous monologues with a Black Country accent. Lauren Reece and Becky Jones played and sang with confidence and talent, as they made their debut at the hall. The Master of Ceremonies Martin Robinson introduced each item with knowledge and humour. The whole evening was a great success with local talent to the fore."

Jonathan White
(on behalf of John White)



(l-r) Martin Robinson; Lauren Reece; Becky Jones; Jack Gresty; Tim Lloyd



Albert Dunseath conducts The Crewe Concert Band

St Lukes Hospice – Nantwich Support Group

Tues. 6 March	Annual Quiz Night Wistaston Memorial Hall £12 per table Refreshments included
Sat. 10 March	Coffee Morning – 9.30 - 12.00 at the Nantwich Parish Rooms
Sun. 15 April	Sunday Lunch at Brookfield Golf Club, Hankelow. 12.30 for 1pm

Contact numbers for further information:
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Civil Service Retirement Fellowship: Crewe/Nantwich Area

With all good wishes for Christmas 2011 and New Year 2012 to the readers of Roundabout and editorial staff from members of the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship.

We welcome new members, retired or newly retired Civil Servants plus partners to our meetings in Wells Green Methodist Church Hall on the first Tuesday of each month at 2pm. We charge £1 entrance fee which includes tea and biscuits. Visitors are welcome.

Our speakers are asked to make their presentations light-hearted and most are illustrated talks with slides, artefacts, sound effects, music etc.

Date	Event
1/11/11	Jonathan and Pamela Baddeley. Christmas and 50s, 60s music. Jonathan is a professional musician and singer – a member of the George Formby Society.
6/12/11	Christmas Party – Contact Grace for details.
3/1/12	Mr John White 'Evacuees to Nantwich'. John is an authority on the History of Nantwich.
7/2/12	Mr Peter Ollerhead, author of books about Crewe area. 'Effects of War on Crewe, Rolls Royce etc.'
6/3/12	Mr Peter Kirk 'Birds of the Garden and Countryside' – illustrated with computerised slides.

We have had three coach trips this year; one to Staffordshire and Ashbourne including a lovely lunch and visit to a Garden Centre. A trip to St Asaph and Llandudno in wonderful sunshine.

Then to the Southport flower Show which was wonderful. Plenty to see in the Flower and Vegetable Tents. The Gardens were on the theme of 'Vintage'; some were wartime including Vegetable Gardens and even an Anderson shelter. One was mainly Black and White including the flowers and depicted the Mary Quant era. The sun shone all day and the bands playing were swing, rock and roll etc. Next year's programme is nearly finalised and hopefully the new programmes will be available at the Christmas party, a very mixed programme with several 'new to us' speakers. Do come and join us, you will be made very welcome. For further information contact Grace on 01270 250677.

Grace Harding
Chairperson

Christmas Events at Wells Green

Christmas Lunch Stop:
Monday 19 December at 12.30pm
Fun Day for children:
Wednesday 21 December from 10 – 2pm
Carol Service:
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Christmas Day, Morning Service at 10.30am

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WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARDS

I'm pleased to report our Parish achievements in this year's awards. In North West in Bloom we were presented with the 'Silver' placing. In the Community Pride ceremony we had two results, one for our Sensory Garden area called the 'Little Gem' and a 'highly commended' award for the parish Newsletter – Roundabout. Congratulations and thanks are expressed to our Wistaston in Bloom Volunteer Group, Wistaston Community Council and the many residents, businesses and organisations who contribute to keep Wistaston up to a high standard.

BARRIER - BEECH DRIVE CAR PARK

Following a long period of anti-social behaviour particularly during late evenings, your council decided to change the barrier arrangement to include a new lockable gate. This was in place for a trial period and during this time antisocial behaviour reduced significantly. Restricted openings have now been made permanent, opening at 7.00am and closing at 6.30pm every day. Signage displays these times on the car park. Thanks are expressed to the residents who assist with the task of opening and closing the barrier each day.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012 is being supported by the Government to encourage local Councils and organisations to celebrate the occasion. The Parish Council has nominated 3 members to meet with the Community Council to discuss ideas how the local community can celebrate the occasion. If any resident has a desire to help please contact our Clerk.

MEMORIAL FOR THE 1914-18 GREAT WAR – ST. MARY'S CHURCHYARD

Residents will recall the article in the Autumn Roundabout suggesting the Memorial should be moved away from the Churchyard high point to the church frontage open space. The response to this was negligible (4 replies) However, the Parish Council agreed to carry out a preliminary investigation to understand the implications. In summary, moving memorials is an emotive issue, relocation can be controversial and needs to be handled sensitively. Moves are not supported by the War Memorial Trust unless essential. Cost implications can also be high to cover site preparations, insurance against damage, land registry, Diocese approval etc. The Council's view is moving the memorial should have widespread community support before any changes. Residents should make their views known to our Clerk in writing.

ALLOTMENTS

Cheshire East Council has recently published their report on Asset Transfer and Devolution of Services. This subject is complex but briefly means moving day to day responsibility of running facilities from Cheshire East to local Parishes or organisations. In Wistaston, the Allotment site in Wistaston Green falls into this list of proposed changes scheduled for April 2012. Your Council is currently seeking more clarification of leasing arrangement, rentals, maintenance, insurance costs and outstanding work. Subject to receiving details these may have to be discussed with Allotment holders before finalising any change.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Festive Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cllr. J. Moore
Chairman

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Dates of meetings of the George Formby Society and the Coin and Medal Society

	George Formby Concert – Main Hall		Coin and Medal Society
Jan	27		No meeting
Feb	24		14 DR
Mar	23		13 DR
Apr	27		10 DR
May	25		8 MH
June	22		12 MH
July	27		No meeting
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2011 Slazenger South and Mid Cheshire Tennis League Presentation Afternoon



Spectators watch the two tournaments from the club



Wistaston B - l-r - Jonathan White, Chris Raiswell, Jonathan Braithwaite, Ben Reinhardt, Bill Heath

The 2011 Slazenger South and Mid Cheshire Tennis League Presentation Afternoon (plus two tournaments) took place at Congleton Lawn Tennis Club - http://www.congletontennis.co.uk/ - on Sunday 4th September. The two tournaments were open doubles and veterans doubles and involved fifty-two players from a variety of local clubs. Refreshments were followed by presentation of trophies from the league competitions (see winners list below).

Wistaston was represented by Diane Mayman, Jonathan Braithwaite, Bill Heath, Ben Reinhardt, Chris Raiswell, Jonathan White, John White and Glenys White. Chris Raiswell reached the final of the veterans doubles tournament. Wistaston B collected shield's as Men' s Division 5 champions and winners of the Les Beckett Men' s Knockout. It was also announced that John White will be presented with Honorary County Colours from the Cheshire Lawn Tennis Association at their annual Awards Evening, in Daresbury in October, for his long-standing services to the South and Mid Cheshire Tennis League.

League Chairman Dave Clarke thanked Congleton Tennis Club for hosting the event, the ladies who produced the fantastic refreshments and the league officers for their sterling work throughout the year. He thanked all the clubs who attended and congratulated the divisional winners and expressed the League's gratitude to Slazenger for their continued sponsorship.

The full list of 2010-11 winners is:

SUMMER LEAGUES

Ladies Division 1 - Nantwich A; Ladies Division 2 - Alsager A; Ladies Division 3 - Cuddington B; Ladies Division 4 - Audlem B; Men's Division 1 - Congleton A; Men s Division 2 - Cuddington A; Mens Division 3 - Hartford D; Men s Division 4 - Cuddington C; Men s Division 5 - Wistaston B; Mixed Division 1 - Congleton A; Mixed Division 2 - Congleton C; Mixed Division 3 - Hartford B; Ladies Knockout - Nantwich A; Ladies Handicap Knockout - Cuddington B; Les Hoff Men s Knockout - Congleton A; Les Beckett Men s Knockout - Wistaston B; Jane Astbury Mixed Knockout - Congleton A;
Dave Clarke Veterans KO - Hartford and Nantwich; Stonelake Shield Sporting Award - Hartford Juniors

WINTER LEAGUES

Division 1 - Congleton A; Division 2 - Congleton B; Division 3 - Wrenbury A; Division 4 - Alsager C; Division 5 - Wrenbury B; Division 6 - Goostrey; Ray Jones Knockout - Congleton A; Barbara Smith Knockout - Nantwich C

SPRING LEAGUES

Division 1 - Congleton A; Division 2 - Wrenbury A; Division 3 - Congleton C; Division 4 - Cuddington C; Division 5 - Goostrey; Division 6 - Wrenbury C

JUNIOR LEAGUES

Girls Under 12 - Hartford A; Girls Under 14 - Hartford B; Girls Under 16 - Hartford A;
Boys Under 14 - Nantwich A; Boys Under 16 - Hartford A; Boys Under 12 - Hartford A

Jonathan White

Wistaston & Rope War Memorial

Following the report on Wistaston and Rope War Memorial (Roundabout No 123), many residents are bemused as they did not know that we have a war memorial. It has further emerged that 'the triangle' appears to have no deeds of ownership lodged with the Church, the Parish or residents and enquiries at the Land Registry Office have provided 'no record'.

This year remembrance was scheduled for the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month plus a figure which appears every hundred years, the eleventh year (11~11~11~11)

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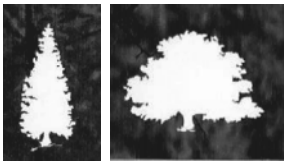
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Wistaston's 30th Annual Flower and Produce Show
Saturday 18th August 2012

Now the seed merchants' catalogues are dropping through people's letter boxes it is time to display the schedule for 2012's show so that exhibitors can set about deciding what classes to enter. The Show committee wish you all well and hope to see a heap of entries especially in Diamond Jubilee year.

Flower Classes

1. Bowl of Sweet Peas, mixed colours, 15 stems minimum.
2. A specimen Rose in a vase.
3. A Shallow Bowl of Pansies (minimum 5 blooms)
4. Three Large Gladioli, any variety or varieties.
5. Three Small Gladioli, any variety or varieties.
6. Three Pom Pom Dahlias, any variety or varieties.
7. Three Cactus or Semi-Cactus Dahlias, any variety or varieties.
8. Three Decorative Dahlias, any variety or varieties.
9. A Single Stem of Any Flowering Plant (not on schedule) in a vase.
10. Six Asters, any variety or varieties.
11. A Single Geranium Head in a vase.
12. Six French Marigolds, any variety or varieties.
13. A Shallow Bowl of Floating Flower Heads – arranged for effect.
14. A Vase of Mixed Flowers – home grown.
15. A Cactus.
16. A Succulent.
17. A Geranium in a Pot – with saucer.
18. A Fuchsia in a 25 cms Pot – with Saucer - any variety.
19. A Begonia in a pot with saucer.
20. A Flowering Plant in a Pot – with saucer – excluding plants from Class 18.
21. A Foliage Plant in a Pot – with saucer.
22. Six Fuchsia Heads on a Board.
23. Six stems of Pinks.

Vegetable Classes

24. Vegetable not on Schedule – please specify on entry form.
25. Five White Potatoes on a Plate – any variety.
26. Five Coloured Potatoes on a Plate – any variety.
27. Six Potatoes on a Plate – two varieties - three of each colour.
28. Six Pods of Peas with some stalk.
29. Three Onions – roots shown – see rules.
30. Three Onions – roots shown – not to exceed 225 grams each – see rules.
31. Six Carrots – tops trimmed to 8cms.
32. Five Ripe Tomatoes- not cherry type - on a Plate.
33. Nine Shallots – Large.
34. Nine Shallots – Small (not exceeding 30 mm in diameter)
35. Three Round Beetroot – tops trimmed to 8cms.
36. One Vegetable Marrow – with stalk
37. One Lettuce – roots shown.
38. One Cucumber – with stalk.
39. A truss of Tomatoes – not cherry type - some ripe.
40. A truss of a Named Variety of Cherry Tomatoes on a plate – some ripe.
41. One White Cabbage – roots shown.
42. Five Ripe Cherry Tomatoes on a plate – variety to be named.
43. Six Runner Beans – with some stalk.
44. Six Dwarf Beans – with some stalk.
45. Three Courgettes – each with some stalk.

Wistaston Parish Vegetable Display

46. A Collection of Five Different Classes of Vegetables.
47. A Display of Salad Items - home grown - on a round dinner plate.

Flower Arrangements

48. 'Fantasy' - Modern – Maximum width 30 cms.
49. 'Diamond Jubilee' - Maximum Width 46 cms
50. 'Still Waters' - Maximum Width 46 cms.
51. 'Christening Day' – Petite - 20 cms Overall.

Harvest Basket

52. A Basket containing Fruit, Flowers and Produce not to **exceed**
    46cms in width and length, height not restricted.

Children's Classes

53.
54. To be announced in June
55.

Housecraft Classes.

56. A Jar of Homemade Strawberry Jam.
57. A Jar of Homemade Blackcurrant Jam.
58. A Jar of Homemade Lemon Curd.
59. Three pieces of Shortbread.
60. Five Square Flapjacks.
61. Five Jam Tarts.
62. A Plate of Five Chocolate Butterfly Cakes
63. Five Carrot Cake Squares – iced tops.
64. A Date and Walnut Cake – baked in a Bun Loaf tin.
65. A Victoria Sponge Cake - please read Rule 20 **carefully**.
66. Five Cheese Scones.
67. A Quiche - approximately 20cms in diameter – presented on a plate.
68. An Apple Pie - approximately 20cms in diameter - shortcrust
    pastry top and bottom – presented on a plate.
69. Five Decorated Cup Cakes.

Hobby Crafts

70. A small knitted baby garment.
71. A collage of different seeds 15cm x 15cm

Parish Council Photographic Competition

Class 1. A typical Snapshot. Class 2. A Cardboard Framed Enlargement.
Prize money will be £5, £3 and £2 in both classes. Entries to be with the Show Secretary by 9th August, 2012.
All entries for this competition are free.

Please read the schedule and the rules very carefully to make sure your entries are in the correct class, are trimmed as directed, are the correct size, contain the right amount of ingredients. No judge likes to place a N.A.S. (Not As Schedule) ticket against an entry. Ours is not a cut throat show. In fact it is renowned for its friendliness and help between one competitor and another but there have to be rules or the whole thing would be chaotic. Let us all hope for good growing conditions in the new year.

Gwyneth Brown - President *Geoff Armitage* - Hon. Secretary



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Laurie Twiss Trophy for Journalism

The winner of the Laurie Twiss Trophy for Journalism 2011 was **Isaac Fowler** with his excellent account entitled *'Love in Heaven' safe again*.

Once again we had a splendid number of entries for our competition with some superb articles and after our trophy winner, **Kate Smith** came second, **Megan Tew** third with **Georgina Chenery** receiving a Highly Commended Award**.** All the winners receive a certificate, voucher and pen.

Thank you to everyone who entered our competition - it was extremely difficult to judge such a talented array of writers but we do hope you will all start writing again as well as all our other budding journalists of Wistaston to see who will win the 2012 Laurie Twiss Trophy.

We print Isaac Fowler's winning article in this edition of Roundabout and show Isaac, Megan and Georgina with their awards whilst Kate Smith's entry will be printed in the Spring edition.

The Laurie Twiss Trophy for Journalism - 2012

Write a story/article in not more than 200 words that could be printed in next Winter's Roundabout. The competition is open to young people in our area with ages ranging from 9 – 16 years.

The winner will be able to keep for one year the Laurie Twiss Trophy for Journalism together with his/her additional prize.

It's your choice - real or imaginary, fact or fiction – so do get into writing mode now. Good reporting!

Please include the following information about yourself: Name and address; Contact telephone number; Age; School attended; Title of Article/Story.

Entries should be submitted by 31 July 2012 to one of the following:

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16 Prior Close, Wistaston, Tel: 569861
Greg Brereton,
7 College Fields, Wistaston, Tel: 560194
Eileen Bamber,
31 Broughton Lane, Wistaston, Tel: 569126

Below we print Isaac's winning article for the Laurie Twiss Award

'Love in Heaven' safe again

Stanley, an eight year old boy, saved the day in the Museum. It took place on Monday 26 June at night. Stanley had a fantastic plan. You will find out what it was in a minute!

Stanley was flattened by a big bulletin board that fell off the wall when he was asleep. Thieves had sneaked into the Museum and stolen a picture, so Stanley came in and squeezed into a picture frame and waited until the robbers came in through a trap door. Stanley then shouted and the police came and took them away.

Stanley, the flat boy who saved the museum, said

'I'm proud that I saved the Museum but when the robbers came in I was scared.'

The robbers had come in through a trap door under the ground and when they stole a picture they put it by the trap door. After they had collected five, including the most expensive painting 'Love in Heaven', they put all the pictures together behind the trap door and hid there themselves.

It was then that Stanley took the brave action of shouting the police. The police came in with Mr Dart, the curator of the Museum, and the police took them away. The robbers said:

'Let me out of these handcuffs now!'

'I don't think so!' said the police.

Mr Dart was very grateful to Stanley. The thieves will be put in prison for a long time.

Isaac Fowler

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Berkeley Primary School

We started the term with a visit from the Life Education Bus and the children really engaged with this and were able to share the messages about Health Education which they had picked up. Bluebell Toddlers group also started up in the first week and this has been really well supported this year. It is good to see the little ones in the Hall joining in with the exciting events offered. We also had a visit from Mrs. White, Headteacher at Shavington High School, and prefects from the school who came and told us all about life at secondary school.

The third week was an amazing one for Year 5 and 6 who went off on their Residential to Boreatton Park in Shropshire. A good time was had by all and they returned and shared photos of their outdoor education adventures with the rest of us in an Assembly. We also enjoyed two visits from Ruth Robson, Literacy advisor who spoke to interested parents about phonics and spelling in the modern school curriculum. The Neighbourhood watch led a meeting in our hall one evening and this was well attended by local residents. We finished the week with a Coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Big Coffee events. KS1 and FS all sang their hearts out and I had lots of very enthusiastic responses from the audience.

We followed this with a visit from Key Strings. The two gentlemen who perform these sessions are amazing musicians and the children were enthused by what they learned. Our next event was a morning whole school House Meeting where children divided into their Houses along with other year groups and plans were made for the rest of the year. Foundation Stage was learning about babies this week and thank you to our parent visitor who shared her expertise from her nursing background.

October 10th was the start of Bible Week and we had visitors from local churches to talk about being a Christian in our community and the children all studied the Bible and became more familiar with the stories and messages it contains.

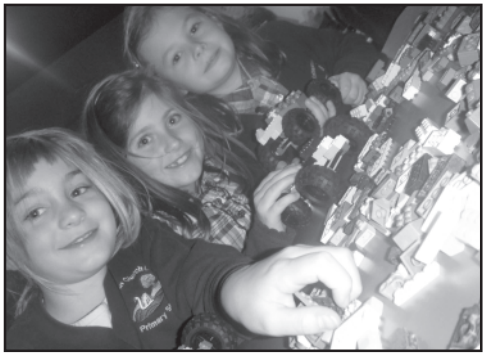
The Year 5s were kept busy with Bikeability week. They all brought their bikes in and were taken out by local trainers on to the roads around school to learn how to use their bikes safely. We also enjoyed an Open Afternoon and it was great to see so many visitors looking around and finding out what an ordinary school afternoon is like.

At one of our Harvest Assemblies Captain Stark from the Salvation Army told us a little about the great work they do in Crewe. The children performed their harvest songs, poems and readings really well.

Well done to our football team who have done us proud again this season by winning the matches they have played against a number of local schools.

J Stainsby-Cope
Headteacher

Wistaston Church Lane Primary School Report



Life at Church Lane continues to be lots of fun!

Since our last report the school has been awarded two quality marks. The Inclusion Quality Mark was awarded in July and it recognises the ways that we try to include pupils, staff, parents and governors in what we do. In October we were delighted to receive the Investors In People Gold Award which celebrates our pride that everyone had in the School, its standards, environment and in its achievements.

The Year Sixes have been busy learning about World War Two. As part of their studies they visited Eden Camp War Museum in North Yorkshire. This great day out helps the children to appreciate what life might have been like during the war years. They have also had an evacuee day where they dressed up in costume and interviewed real-life evacuees. They even tried some of the foods that were eaten, like carrot fudge! They have also slept in school overnight as part of an air raid experience.

Year Four enjoyed a visit to LEGOLAND Discovery Centre, Manchester where they learned about forces that affect movement. Year Five pupils had a tour of Nantwich and learned about the town's Tudor history. Year Three walked along Church Lane to find out more about the local landmarks and their history. There is an area on the school website all about some of the history of Wistaston and you can find it at http://bit.ly/wistaston. We'd be grateful if anyone would be able to help us develop this page.

Our school football team have been busy playing in seven matches and have won four at the time of writing. Our exciting house football competition has just finished for the season with Mow Cop House being crowned champions for the fourth time. This year we have a school Fantasy Football league where the children earn points for their team based on how real life football players perform. It's been a real hit.

Over the next few weeks we will be thinking about Christmas and putting together some exciting concerts. It promises to be a lovely term!

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Wistaston Fireworks Display





I attended the 34th annual Wistaston Fireworks Display earlier this evening (Sat 5th Nov). The event began with the judging of the children's best pumpkin and best fancy dress competitions at the Park Drive Triangle, after which the procession, led by bagpiper Reg Flower proceeded to the Eric Swan Sports Ground off Church Lane for the fireworks display. Entry was by donation and all proceeds this year will go to 'The Ray of Hope', a Crewe-based charity which supports the neonatal unit at Leighton Hospital & other local hospitals. The Ray of Hope are currently focusing on raising as much money as possible towards the £1,000,000 target for a brand new neonatal unit to be built at Leighton Hospital. An estimated one thousand people attended the event.

The results of the children's best pumpkin competition, judged by Geoff Armitage (President, Wistaston Community Council) and Gwyneth Brown (Wistaston Parish Council), were:
1st prize (£5 and a certificate) - Rebecca Jones
2nd (£3 and a certificate) - Lauren Rossiter
3rd (£2 and a certificate) - Natalie Turner
There were 12 entrants.

The results of the children's fancy dress competition, also judged by Geoff and Gwyneth, were:
1st prize (£5 and a certificate) - Jasmine Burrows
2nd (£3 and a certificate) - Mia O'Donnell
3rd (£2 and a certificate) - Lewis Rossiter
There were 11 entrants.

It is the third year running that the Rossiter family have won a competition prize.

Each entrant in each competition received sweets for participating and the winner in each competition received a trophy to keep. The trophies were kindly donated by Herbert Locke.

Crewe-based online community radio station RedShift Radio - http://www.redshiftradio.co.uk/ - once again provided, setup and manned the PA system before the fireworks and played the atmospheric music during the display. They were represented by Dr Gavin Hammond (Station Director) – aka 'Dr. Gav' and Liz Southall (Business Development Director) – aka 'Bizzy Lizzy'. RedShift Radio are shortly launching an FM channel on 87.7FM, which will run from 21 November to 18 December 2011.

Professional fireworks display specialist Comet Fireworks - http://www.cometfireworks.co.uk/ - arranged the 14 minute fireworks display which took 9 hours to setup and included shells, cakes, mines and Roman candles. They were represented by Mark O'Neill (Managing Director) and his team.

The 35th South West Cheshire Scout's sold cold and hot drinks and food during the event.

The event was organised by the Wistaston Community Council and Geoff Armitage from the Community Council said, "The children's competitions were very well supported. The procession went like a charm and very few motorists were held up. They arrived at the Eric Swan Sports Ground on time, where the Scouts were already serving hotdogs, hamburgers, soup, coffee and tea. The whole event was financed by Wistaston Parish Council and the Wistaston Community Council. RedShift Radio once again provided excellent music and Comet Fireworks provided a fantastic display. All profits this year will go to The Ray Of Hope Appeal at Leighton Hospital. It was the best ever turnout and the best ever fireworks and music and we thank everyone for attending this annual event".

The Wistaston Community Council would welcome new members to help organise next year's Fireworks Display, as well as other Wistaston-based events such as the Summer Fete, Flower and Produce Show and the Spring & Christmas concerts. Please visit http://www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk for further information.

Jonathan White

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Maureen Craig gives us advice on looking after feet in Winter

Foot Facts
When I was training to be a chiropodist – back when Adam was a lad! – one of my tutors told me the best way to keep the feet warm in winter was to wear a hat! Apparently we lose most of our body heat through the top of our heads.

Chilblains (Erythema Pernia)
Still a winter-woe for many, especially those with poor circulation, Chilblains are recognisable as small red marks, usually on the end of the toes, which begin by itching and then become sore due to rubbing and scratching. This is a circulatory problem caused by the feet becoming cold and then being quickly warmed up again allowing the blood to rush back too quickly.

Obviously, the way around this is to avoid getting them cold in the first place, especially when venturing outdoors in cold weather. There's no point wrapping up warm or even covering your head if your feet are not properly protected. Invest in a good pair of sturdy shoes or boots, preferably with a thick, non-slip sole. Woollen socks or stockings are best or two layers of thinner hose in the form of 'nylon' with cotton over. Layering traps heat. I have known men wear women's tights with socks under their trousers when working outdoors in cold weather.

If your feet do get cold, never try to warm them up too quickly by sticking them in front of the fire or in a bowl of hot water. It is better to let them warm up gradually by gently massaging with a warming cream and putting on an extra pair of socks or a pair of fleecy-lined slippers.

Try to resist the temptation to scratch or rub hard if a chilblain itches. Instead use some calamine lotion or cream or a product containing menthol. There are many over-the-counter remedies. If you suffer from cold feet anyway try applying a 'warming' cream. Again there are many available. I prepare one called simply 'Foot Warming Cream' containing essential oils of ginger, camphor, pine, rosemary and lavender.
Walking is extremely important in keeping the circulation functioning properly. When you walk the calf-muscles in the back of the legs pump the slow-running venous blood back up to the heart and into the lungs which then oxygenates the entire body.

The above information is particularly relevant to anyone suffering from any circulatory disorders such as Raynauds disease, diabetes or hypertension – high blood pressure. If you are suffering from numbness of the toes it is advisable to contact your GP for a check-up as this can be a symptom of the afore-mentioned.

If you require any further information or advice please telephone me on **01270 567983**; via my website **www.toesrus10.co.uk** or email me at **toesrus10@btinternet.com**

Maureen Craig,
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Events at Union Street Baptist Church

Monday 5 December at 7.30pm –
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Saturday 10 December at 7pm –
Christmas Concert by Kipling Singers at Union Street Baptist Church in Crewe. Tickets price £7 including buffet, from David Greatbanks on 01270 582819.



Advance notice of the Kipling Singers coming to Wistaston

Wistaston Community Council are delighted to present the extremely versatile Kipling Singers at their Spring Concert on Friday 16 March 2012 in St Mary's Church Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston at 7pm Tickets £5/£4 including refreshments A wonderful evening's entertainment

From the archives:

"Wistaston honours 'EPA'

Wistaston Memorial Hall management committee recently honoured their president by naming the main room The Armitage Hall in recognition of his services to the community centre and to Wistaston.

Mr Edward Armitage was a founder member of the Ways and Means committee formed in 1945 and was elected president of the management committee in 1954.

EPA, as he was known at Rolls Royce, came to live in Wistaston in 1938 and served for many years on the Parish Council being elected chairman three times and in 1981 was nominated by the Wistaston Community Council as 'Wistonian of the Year'.

On Thursday 31 October a short naming ceremony was held attended by the members of the management committee during which the chairman, Fred Lorimer, unveiled a photograph of Mr Armitage."

Edward Armitage married Hilda Bolton on 1st January 1955 and they came to live at 'Little Lantern' 10 Westfield Drive, Wistaston.

Hilda was the widow of Lieutenant Richard Alexander Joseph Bolton who died on 9th September 1943 aged 35 whilst serving in India with the 6th Battalion of the North Staffordshire Regiment attached to the Royal Indian Army Service Corps. He is buried in the Ranchi War Cemetery in India. He is one of Wistaston's sixteen men who perished in WW2 and is commemorated on the plaque above the entrance of the Wistaston Memorial Hall. Edward Armitage was the President of the Memorial Hall's management committee from 1954 to 1987. He died in April 1987.

Fred Lorimer who lived in Wistaston Avenue held three offices on the Memorial Hall's Management Committee: Vice Chairman - 1970~1974; Chairman - 1974~1990; President - 1991~1996.

Fred Lorimer died in January 1997. The trophy presented to the team winning the Hall's Annual Quiz is called 'The Fred Lorimer Memorial Shield'.

John White

Wistaston Young Drama Group



Wistaston Young Drama Group are presenting their Christmas Showcase at the Nantwich Players Theatre, Love Lane, Nantwich at 7:30 on Wednesday 21st December 2011.

The group will be performing *Scrooged*, a modern version of the timeless classic, and *Winter Wonderland.*

The drama group was formed in 1994 and provides classes for ages 16 - 18 on Wednesdays 7.00pm to 9.00pm and for ages 7 – 16 on Saturdays 10.30am – 12.45pm, at the Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston. New members are always welcome.

Coaching is provided in a fun and safe environment by professionally trained drama leaders. Lessons include creative movement, structured improvisation, drama games, language development and voice coaching.

Free taster sessions are available for new members.

For further information regarding the classes or tickets for the Christmas Showcase contact Margaret 01270 668233

The Rectory Garden

Several people have registered concern that part of the Rectory Garden is to be sold for housing development and at the PCC meeting on the 18th July the Diocesan Surveyor, Pete Gowrley, explained that the diocese are looking into selling part of the Rectory Garden (the land and the Rectory are owned by the diocese and not the Parish) for development by a house builder to help realise much needed funds for the diocese. Currently, the diocese can only afford to do essential or emergency work on clergy houses and money raised from the sale would go towards refurbishing (or rebuilding) the current Rectory to bring it in line with national Church of England standards. Any surplus will go into the Pastoral Fund which helps finance improvements to other clergy housing in the diocese.

Any queries or questions about the Rectory Garden should be directed to Pete Gowrley (Diocesan Surveyor) Tel: **01244 681973**, extension 254;

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Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club

Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club (WJTC) Finals Day 2011

Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club held their Finals Day on Sunday 11 September and despite very blustery conditions excellent tennis was enjoyed by members and visitors on the two courts behind the Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre on Church Lane.

Alastair Bain (WJTC Chairman) introduced the presentation of trophies:

Men's Singles Final: Richard Kearns beat Ben Reinhardt 6-1, 6-4. Trophies presented by Geoff Armitage (Honorary Guest).

Men's Doubles Final: Alastair Bain & Ben Reinhardt beat Bill Heath & Chris Raiswell 2-6, 6-4, 6-2. Trophies presented by Sheila Armitage (Honorary Guest).

Open Doubles: Richard Kearns & Ben Reinhardt beat Chris Raiswell & Bill Heath 5-7, 6-2, 6-1. Trophies presented by Alastair Bain (WJTC Chairman).

Veterans Doubles: Hazel Dunn & John White beat Jean Proudlove & Jack Crisp 6-2, 6-4. Trophies presented by Alice Chalwin (WJTC President).

Alastair Bain said that he would like to thank all the members for bringing refreshments and for Margaret Maddocks and Alice Chalwin for organising the tea in the Hall. He also thanked Carol Kearns for organising the Club competitions. He commented that it was nice to have a finals day after a successful summer season and congratulations must be given to the captains of the Men's and Ladies teams for their organisation of the weekly games. The Men's B team were South and Mid Cheshire Tennis League Men's Summer Division 5 champions who went on to win the Les Beckett Men's Knockout. The Men's A team were promoted from the Men's Summer Division 3 and the Ladies team retained their position in the Ladies Summer Division 1.

He congratulated John White who is to be presented with Honorary County Colours from the Cheshire Lawn Tennis Association at their annual Awards Evening, in Daresbury in October. This richly deserved award is for his long-standing services to the South and Mid Cheshire Tennis League.

Any details of the Tennis Club can be obtained by phoning Bill Heath, membership Secretary on **01270 560471**.

Alice Chalwin

With additional material from Jonathan White



Finalists, honorary guests and club members at the Finals Day presentation of trophies



Men's Singles - Richard Kearns (r) receives his trophy from Geoff Armitage (Honorary Guest)

Wells Green Holly Fair

I went to the 'Holly Fair' on Saturday 5th November (11am to 2pm) held in and organised by members of Wells Green Methodist Church - http://www.cheshiresouth.org.uk/mission-rope-green/wells-green.html There was a raffle for a hamper of fair trade goods and in the School Room there were refreshments - soup, sandwiches and cakes all homemade by members of the Church with hot & cold drinks. The Church contained numerous stalls including Traidcraft (fair trade products), the Kisii Project in Kisii Kenya, toys - run by the Junior Church, jewellery, a black & white themed stall, homemade preserves, gifts, homemade cakes, second-hand books and a Christmas crafts & gifts stall. A record £1,456 was raised on the day for Church funds and the Church plans to increase this total by organising a coffee morning early in December. Myra Wood and Teresa Hoper co-ordinated the refreshments and Pat Nott co-ordinated the publicity and the stalls. Pat Nott said, "The Holly Fair is a great community event, and we look forward to doing it every year. Wells Green members are very generous with their giving and without their support the fair wouldn't happen. We are a small group of people, who all work together as a team and that's what makes it so special."

Jonathan White

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