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With very many thanks to everyone for the continued splendid support you give to Roundabout for without your contributions and advertisements it could not exist! The Wistaston Community Council is also very appreciative of the support that you give to all the events organised over the year.
Please send in your articles, photographs etc. for our Winter edition – due out in early December – by 15 October 2013.

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Dates for your Diary for 2013

Saturday 7 September	Duck Race
Tuesday 22 October	Annual Hall Quiz
Saturday 2 November	Fireworks
Sunday 10 November	Annual Remembrance Service
Friday 13 December	Christmas Concert

The Summer Fete is organised in conjunction and with the kind support of St Mary's Church and is the biggest fund raising event of the year. The Community Council is very conscious of the thanks due to everyone involved in its success and especially to the Revd Mike and Mrs Turnbull for the use of their garden. We aim to help individuals or groups where a small donation would help with their local efforts. If you think we can help and you would like to know more send your details to the Secretary, Wistaston Community Council, 22 Herrick Close, Wistaston, CW2 8DX, secretary@wistastoncommunity.co.uk. The Wistaston Community Council organises other events through the year such as the **Flower and Produce Show held on Saturday 17 August** when the people of Wistaston show how green fingered they are and produce the most amazing selection of flowers and vegetables together with mouth-watering cakes, jams and chutneys not forgetting the superb flower arrangements, craft work and photographs. The talent in our area is staggering. It is at this event that the Wistaston in Bloom awards are presented.

WISTASTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S

Annual Village Fireworks Display

Saturday 2 November 2013

Our annual village fireworks display starts, as usual, with the judging of the traditional Fancy Dress and Pumpkin competitions at 5.45 on the Triangle at the junction of Westfield Drive and Park Drive.

This will be followed by a torch-light procession (please bring your own torches) which leaves at 6.00pm to the Brittles for the Fireworks display at 6.30pm. The actual firework display will be provided by Hex fireworks. The Scouts will be providing refreshments and will be serving burgers and hot dogs as well as hot and cold drinks

We would like to thank Wistaston Parish Council who have kindly provided their support to allow this event to go ahead.

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WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

Following on from my last report one of the developments was submitted for outline planning approval to Cheshire East Council. The scheme was for 325 houses on the land behind Church Lane opposite Joey the Swan recreation land. The closing date for representations was 31st July and Cheshire East are expected to make a decision by October 2013. The HOW resident action group has been very active to keep residents informed and as a result over 3000 objections were tabled to Cheshire East Council.

Residents may be aware of a nearby housing development in our neighbouring parish of Rope. This proposal is for 880 houses to be sited opposite Rope Medical Centre and Shavington High School. This development will also have a significant impact on services and road traffic across Wistaston. The planning reference no. is 13/2874N and details can be obtained from Cheshire East Website www.cheshireeast.gov.uk or Rope Parish Council website www.ropeparishcouncil.org.uk

2. WOODLAND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

Work has commenced on the scheme outlined in my previous report. The majority of work will be carried out in Old Covert however all of our woodlands will benefit from improvements to pathways, coppicing and planting.

Our biannual tree survey has been carried out during the last 2 months and a report will be presented to your Council for review. Recommendations include selected tree felling and deadwood removal for public safety. Quotations for the work will be obtained and presented to the September Parish Council meeting.

3. PATHWAYS

The pathway from Broughton Lane to Woodside Lane and Waldron Gardens was a concern to many residents due to its poor state constituting a safety risk to users. Your Council was unable to trace ownership for this after extensive searching and dialogue with Cheshire East and Public Rights of Way and therefore took steps to improve access with groundwork, shrubbery and weed removal. This was a "one off" goodwill gesture as requested by our Cheshire East Councillors. Total cost £820.

4. SOLAR SPEED SIGNS

Discussion with Cheshire East Highways and our local policeman have been held on suitable locations in 4 roads. This is a similar proposal currently used in a number of local parishes to raise awareness to motorists. Initially we hope to purchase 1 sign that can be tried out in several locations. This will be discussed at our September meeting before seeking quotations.

5. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings at 7.30 p.m. at Wistaston Memorial Hall. Next meeting dates are 19th September, 17th October, 21st November and 19th December 2013.

C***llr. J. Moore, Chairman***

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Wistaston Green Townswomen's Guild

May saw the celebration of the **Guild's 58th birthday** with a social evening and buffet including cakes provided by Winnie and sausage rolls by Margery. The birthday cake was made by Jean Stubbs and donated by our President Ruby Coulson. Members brought photographs taken over the years of guild meetings and events which led to reminiscing and recalling with affection members no longer with us but who gave so much to the Guild. A raffle raised £31 for St Luke's Hospice. The birthday outing a week later was an enjoyable trip to Lytham St Anne's.

Also in May, Nantwich Guild and Wistaston Green visited Tutbury Castle near Burton on Trent. The weather was overcast but that didn't dampen spirits. Tutbury was built in the 11th Century and has been involved in dramatic events in English history including the imprisonment of Mary Queen of Scots. The castle itself is mainly a ruin but there is a museum and tea room where it is said there is a strong presence and ghostly images have been experienced by staff. **Lesley Smith** the curator is better known for her enactment of the lives of famous historical ladies but on this occasion she had been asked to portray Margaret Thatcher. She made a good job of it but did not copy her voice as she would have had a sore throat at the end. She said it is unusual for her to portray a living person but following her first performance Lady Thatcher died. She is not sure that she would like to repeat the exercise in case that was a bad omen.

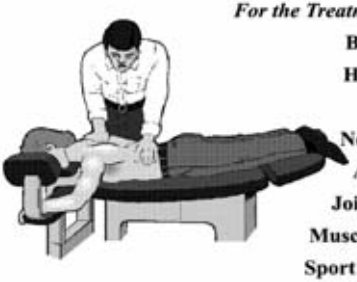
Our speaker in June could not come and we were grateful that **Miss Joyce Davies** a member of St Mark's stepped in to provide a fascinating insight into her family history. Her great grandmother was an unusually tall lady of 6' 2" and 'ran the show' between bearing 11 children. Her brood grew to 16 when she took on foster children which was quite common in those days due to the hardships that families faced. Where did they all sleep? is often asked and the answer was – where they could find a place. Originally a Baptist family they were all taught to read and write from a young age and were expected to read from the bible at mealtime as an initiation test. Unlike today they would gather together for meals followed by a consultation. What a sound idea! When one of her daughters became pregnant by her employer's son she was no longer welcome by the Baptist church so unlike so many other families, she drew herself to her full height and marched off with the family to the Methodist church which had no such discrimination. What a wonderful example this lady was, indeed an ancestor to be proud of.
Following the speaker the mandates for the AGM were discussed giving guidance to the delegate who makes the final decision. To end the evening our Chairman Beryl Taylor gave her popular rendition of the Pam Ayers classic 'I wish I'd looked after my teeth'.

This year the AGM was held in Harrogate giving the ladies an opportunity for a break based in Scarborough. Following the parade of Federation banners proceedings commenced and the Guild was proud to receive our Patron HRH the Princess Royal who made a short speech and presented awards.
There were two mandates; firstly 'Euthanasia' which will become the focus of campaign action. The proposal was – Townswomen's Guilds support a change in the law to allow for terminally ill, mentally competent people to have a right to an assisted death. Following much debate the motion was carried. The second mandate for debate was – Townswomen's Guilds are concerned that the current technology leaves those who are unable to access and/or afford said technology at a disadvantage. That motion too, was carried.
The key note speaker was **Anna Watkins, MBE**, who achieved a gold medal in rowing at the 2012 Olympics and gave an entertaining talk on team tactics, illness and setbacks leading to an Olympic triumph. **Esther Rantzen**, National Vice President, updated us on the progress of The Silver Line, due to be launched in November this year and invited members of the TG to volunteer as confidential helpers. The meeting concluded with fast moving humorous entertainment by **Miss Holly Wood** and a rousing chorus of Land of Hope and Glory. We all enjoyed the break which ended with a local theatre visit and look forward to next year when the AGM will be in June at St David's Hall, Cardiff.

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Report from St Mary's, Wistaston

Autumn at St Mary's includes a season of Remembrance.

I would like to draw your attention to three aspects of remembrance for which we at St Mary's will be holding special services.

1 The Harvest Festival

On Sunday 6th October at 10.40 am we will be celebrating the Harvest and you would be most welcome to join us in giving thanks that your cupboard is not bare. *

2 Those we love but see no longer

On Sunday Evening at 6.30 pm. on 3rd November; All Souls' is a special service in which we remember our loved ones who have died. We light a candle for each person and commemorate them by name.

3 Those who gave their lives in the service of their country

On Sunday Morning at 10.40 am there will be a Service of Remembrance when we hold a silence in memorial to those who gave their lives for our freedom.

*Have you heard about the local FOOD BANKS ?

You may recall the nursery rhyme which goes, 'Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to find that it was bare'. Not something we would expect of our store cupboards I'm sure but do you realise that many people are literally living hand to mouth in this country, indeed in this area of Crewe and Nantwich. You will probably have heard of FOOD BANKS but did you know that at St Mary's Church we have a collecting point in the Church Hall to receive donations from local people. Each week a volunteer delivers the donated food offerings of the community to St Paul's Pantry in Crewe where other volunteers are involved in the packing of Emergency Food Parcels for those whose cupboards are literally bare.

Harvest Time is when in our schools and churches we give thanks for the harvest of food with which we have been blessed.

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Olive Williams, Lady of Flowers



Sadly , following a short illness, Mrs Olive Williams, Chairman of Wistaston Flower Club, passed away on 2nd August. She had been a very hard working committee member having joined the committee in l988 serving as Outings Secretary, Programme Secretary, Vice Chairman and eventually as Chairman in l994 until her death. Olive carried out all her duties with the utmost efficiency inspiring everyone around her to enjoy the love of flowers. Almost without fail she represented our club at the quarterly Area Meetings of NAFAS at Cockshutt. Not only was she Chairman of Wistaston she was also a member of Nantwich Flower Club plus serving on the Nantwich Floral Art Committee at Nantwich Show. She was a member of the Memorial Hall Management Committee involved with the Duck Race, Annual Hall Quiz and the Remembrance Service. Olive always thought no task was insurmountable and her energy was to be envied. Her smiling and cheerful personality will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her but Olive would have wished for our club to move forward living up to our motto **'Play with Flowers and Smile'.**

Christina Wainwright



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'Hands Off Wistaston' Update

As many readers will now know, Gladman Homes recently submitted an outline planning application for 325 homes off land on Church Lane (land also known as Witter's Field). This certainly took a few of us by surprise; we knew an application was coming, but didn't expect one so soon.
Together with Wistaston Parish Council and our local Cheshire East Councillors Margaret Simon and Jacquie Weatherill, members of Hands Off Wistaston and residents from across the parish took to the streets to get the message out and encourage people who felt strongly about this application to write in and object to it going ahead.

Thanks to the hard work of a number of local residents and volunteers, the people of Wistaston managed to submit roughly 1,200 objections to this development in total. This is a fantastic achievement that we can all be rightly proud of and it gives the community a strong voice in opposing this unwanted, unnecessary and unsustainable development.

To everyone who volunteered to leaflet drop, who submitted an objection or badgered their neighbour to submit one, thank you! It may be clichéd but by letting Cheshire East and Gladman know what you think about this proposal you really made – and will make - a difference. There are many similar applications going on elsewhere in Cheshire East right now, but very few have stirred such a strong feeling amongst the local community as this proposal and even less have seen that many objections being submitted.

The application will be decided on by Cheshire East's Strategic Planning Board on Wednesday 9th October. We have had support from our local MP and also the leader of Cheshire East Council, Michael Jones and are confident that Cheshire East will refuse the application, which is great news. However, it is also highly likely that the developer will not take into account local concerns and will press ahead with an appeal to force this development through.

One of the reasons that there are so many housing applications at the moment is that Cheshire East are yet to have their Local Plan, which identifies priority areas for development, signed off by the Government. We have been told that getting this done is one of the Council's top priorities and that the final round of consultation on this plan is due out in the Autumn, before it gets sent for final approval. Please keep your eyes peeled for when this consultation launches and submit a response if you can, so that we can keep our existing green gap land here in Wistaston.

Report from Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club

After such a very cold period, at last in July the sun appeared and we experienced the hottest weather for decades. The members of WJTC certainly made the most of the long awaited summer with record numbers turning up at club sessions.

The tennis game, manned by club members, was once again a huge success at the Village Fete in June attracting young and old alike to try their luck. Fortunately the weather in spite of a shaky start behaved itself with the sun shining for most of the day. Two of our members Ben Reinhardt and Tony Mason rallied friends, relations and club supporters to take part in a 12 hour 'Tennis-a-thon' and played from 7.30am to 7.30pm on the Church Lane Courts. Ben and Tony played for the full 12 hours with other players joining in during the day. Over £100 was raised for Marie Curie Cancer Care and Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. For the last few years Ben and Tony have organised different events for these charities and they are to be congratulated and commended for their efforts in raising awareness of these two charities which do so much in helping those affected by the illnesses.

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'Hands off Wistaston' action group extend a huge thank you to the approximately 1000 residents who have supported the campaign to prevent the building of 325 houses on 'Witters Field' off Church Lane. The group are of the opinion that a development of this size would increase pressure on the infra-structure that currently exists. It would have a detrimental effect on the health and well being of the residents destroying our village life as we know it. A special thank you to the many helpers who have produced, delivered and collected the necessary documentation also to Mrs Margaret Simon, our Cheshire East representative, Mr Edward Timpson, our Member of Parliament, the Wistaston Parish Council and the Memorial Hall Committee for their support.

Christina Wainwright
On behalf of 'Hands off Wistaston'





Wistaston in Bloom

After a very difficult growing season the flower beds were eventually planted up by mid June and were looking at their best on one of the hottest days of the year, 8 July, for the judging by North West in Bloom.
The emblem of Joey the Swan was again used to highlight the bed at Jackson's Corner and modifications to the hanging baskets at King's Drive shops allowed for much more advanced displays.
All residents' front gardens have been judged and the results for 2013 are:

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2nd	Mrs E Russell	37 Nessina Grove
3rd	Mrs L Brydon	73 Church Lane

Wells Green Ward

1st	Mr & Mrs A Williams	22 Rope Lane
2nd	Mrs I Savage	80 Laidon Avenue
3rd	Mrs J Morrey	478 Crewe Road

Wistaston Green Ward

1st	Mr J Marsden	'Silver Trees' Woodside Lane
2nd	Mrs G Stubbs	48 Beech Drive
3rd	Mr & Mrs P Maddock	'Cherrystone' Middlewich Road

Overall Winner Best Kept Garden
Wistaston Parish Cup
Mr & Mrs R Leeke — 37 Princess Drive

The Best Hanging Basket Display
The Window Surgeon Shield
Mr & Mrs R Leeke — 37 Princess Drive

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R Woodward Hon. Secretary

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In July our speaker Mrs Gleave told us about the Banyan Tree, a charity which she helps to run in India. The Banyan Tree (Ficus Benghalensis) is an amazing tree widespread in India and can reach 85' with long horizontally spreading branches which put down aerial roots. Eighteen villages in Southern India provide activities for children and education for women. £17,000 from the Tsunami fund created a village. The main aims of the charity are: employment, education and homes for the lowest of the castes. It is proving successful and Mrs Gleave buys their products and sells them in this country. She brought a selection of low priced items for us to buy.

Dates for the diary: September 5th Harvest Table; October 3rd Slow cooker demonstration; November 7th Reflexology; December 5th Willow decoration.
Our meetings take place at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month at St Marks Church Hall, Bramhall Road, Wistaston Green where you will be made most welcome.

Wistaston Village Cricket Club.
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By the time this latest editorial finds its way through your letterbox, the **2013** campaign will be in its last throes. However, at the time of producing this latest tome (late June,) the **First XI** have so far had a reasonably successful campaign lying third in their league with ten matches played:-

Top three placings as at 28th June 2013.

Division 1 Cheshire Alliance	P	wbf	lbf	wbs	lbs	wbt	lbt	d	c	BP	Pen	Pts
Haslington CC 1st XI	10	2	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	15	0	220
Wilmslow Wayfarers CC 1st XI	10	5	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	63	0	188
Wistaston Village CC 1st XI	10	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	30	0	170

'p' = Played', wbf'= Won batting 1st (25 points), 'lbf'= Lost Batting 1st (0 points), 'wbs'= Won Bat 2nd Won Toss (20 points), 'lbs'= Lost Bat 2nd WonToss (0 points), 'wbt'= Won Bat 2nd LostToss (25 points), 'lbt'= Lost Bat2nd LostToss (0 points) 'd'= Draw (0 points), 'c'= Cancelled (7 points), 'BP' = Bonus Points, 'pen' = Penalty Points, 'Pts'= Points.

.....while our **Second XI** competing in **Division 3 of The Cheshire Alliance,** in complete contrast have had the worse start to a season imaginable by losing their first **nine** matches before securing their first win in their tenth fixture against Kerridge. With half the season still to play for it is not impossible to retrieve some pride and gain victories to avoid relegation.

Bottom three placings as at 28th June 2013.

Division 3 Cheshire Alliance	P	wbf	lbf	wbs	lbs	wbt	lbt	lcn	d	wcn	BP	Pen	Pts
Frodsham CC 2nd XI	10	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	5	0	60	0	100
Old Parkonians CC Ches. 2nd XI	10	1	2	0	2	1	0	2	2	0	35	0	85
Wistaston Village CC 2nd XI	10	0	5	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	34	0	59

'p' = Played. 'wbf'= Won Batting 1st (25 points). 'lbf'= Lost Batting 1st (0 points). 'wbs'= Won Bat 2nd Won Toss (20 points). 'lbs'= Lost Bat 2nd WonToss (0 points). 'wbt'= Won Bat 2nd LostToss (25 points). 'lbt'= Lost Bat2nd LostToss (0 points). 'lcn'= Team Conceded (0 points). 'd'= Draw (0 points). 'wcn'= Opposition Conceded (25 points). 'BP' = Bonus Points. 'pen' = Penalty Points. 'Pts'= Points.

The Under 9, 11 13 and 15 junior teams have been competing in their respective leagues in **The South Cheshire Junior Cricket League** and at the time of going to press are all enjoying a varied season with the **Under 11's** nestling in third place in their particular league. Our **3rd XI (Sunday)** which currently plays in **Division 4 West** is currently holding third position.

Top three placings as at 28th June 2013.

	P	w	l	wd	ld	c	BatP	BowlP	Pen	Pts
Oxton CC, Cheshire	6	4	0	0	1	1	4	3	0	115
Warrington CC	6	2	0	2	1	1	19	10	0	93
Wistaston Village CC	7	3	2	0	1	1	3	4	0	90

'p' = Played. 'w'= Won (25 points). 'l'= Lost (0 points). 'wd'= Winning Draw (3 points). 'ld'= Losing Draw (1 points) 'c'= Cancelled (7 points). 'BatP' = Batting Bonus Points. 'BowlP' = Bowling Bonus Points. 'pen' = Penalty Points. 'Pts'= Points.

- **Saving the best for last,** our **Womens 1st XI** which was formed only in **2013** are having an extraordinary good first season in the Cheshire Womens Cricket League - Division 2.

- Unbeaten in their first four matches they are, on average points, leading the pack in **Division 2** ahead of **Oxton CC Cheshire Womens 1st XI.**

Table as at 28th June 2013.

Division 2. Cheshire Womens Cricket League	P	w	l	d	BatP	BowlP	Pen	NRR	Ave
Wistaston Village CC - Womens 1st XI	4	3	0	1	0	2	0	3.15	21.25
Oxton CC, Cheshire - Womens 1st XI	4	3	1	0	0	2	0	1.64	19.25
Hawarden Park CC - Womens 1st XI	4	2	1	1	8	3	0	0.53	17.25
Didsbury CC - Womens 1st XI	2	1	1	0	0	4	0	0.56	14.5
Hope Hawks CC - 1st XI	5	2	3	0	11	3	0	0.04	12.8
Bredbury St Marks CC - Womens 1st XI	4	1	2	1	8	6	0	-1.39	11.75
Lymm Oughtrington Park CC - Womens 1st XI	5	0	4	1	9	10	0	-3.52	5.4

p'=Played.'w'=Won(25points).'l'=Lost(0points).'d'=Draw(8points).'BatP'=BattingBonusPoints.'BowlP'=BowlingBonusPoints. 'pen'=Penalty Points.'NRR'=Net run rate.'Ave'= Average points.

In May the cricket club held an extremely well supported theme evening – A Curry Night, with all proceeds being channelled into the cricket club. On Saturday 15th June 2013, Wistaston Cricket Club was represented at the local Wistaston Village Fete under the theme "The Old English Garden" with a homemade Cake Stall, jams and biscuits, again this event raised much needed funds for the cricket club.

This event was closely followed by a fund raising "Golf day" at "Brookfield Golf Club" Hankelow, Near Nantwich on the 21st June 2013. Lastly a "Caribbean Night" was held at The Brittles on 6th July, well supported, again as a fund raising event.

Further similar theme evenings are scheduled for the future – watch this space.
www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk/roundabout.html **and** www.creweguardian.co.uk/sport

President's Day on Sunday 21st July at the Brittles. Full details of this event will appear in the next edition of this magazine.
Our end of season **Presentation Evening** is scheduled for **Saturday 14th September**, the venue being **St Mary's Church Hall.** Full details will be circulated nearer the time.

The cricket club holds Bingo evenings every **third Friday** of each month at the **Wistaston pavilion lounge** to raise funds for the cricket club and a warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to join us. Following the summer break, Bingo evenings will re-commence on **Friday 20th September 2013 at The Brittles.**

We offer cricket to adults and juniors of all standards and we are proud on being very much a child friendly club and we have been re-credited with the**E.C.B Club Mark originally awarded in May 2005**. Interested in joining W.V.C.C? Please contact **Kevin Jobbins: - Tel 663699** in the first instance.

For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins (663699).**

John Avery ***'Zusammen', 13 Lear Drive, Wistaston***
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Below we print Ella Banks prize winning article for the Laurie Twiss Award in which she reports in the Roman News the gory goings on in Briton!

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When the Romans found out what had happened they had battle with the Celts. The Romans were more organised than the Celts and had a plan to trap them inside a sort of zigzag. It is said that 4000 Celts were killed and 400 Romans.

Boudicca poisoned herself and her daughters.

IMPROVING FACILITIES AT THE ERIC SWAN SPORTS GROUND

In the last issue of Roundabout we published an introductory piece about Wistaston Sports & Leisure and the activities at the Eric Swan Sports Ground. Thanks for all the interest shown following the article. It is very clear that there is strong community support for the facility.

Since that introductory piece we have made significant progress toward specifying our latest project. We want to extend the Brittles pavilion at the ground in order to provide a larger function room and create a sheltered patio area with unrivalled views of the field. Roger Woodward has used his considerable professional skills to turn our rough sketches into working drawings and we are currently in the process of consulting with the Parish Council and all our affiliated organisations to obtain their views on our proposals.

The idea is to build a second function room at right angles to the present line of the pavilion and to separate the new room from the existing room with a folding partition which can if necessary be retracted to create a single large room twice the size of the existing room. The extended building will then be 'L' shaped and within the two wings of the 'L' we plan to create the patio area. We also plan to replace our troublesome septic tank with a connection to mains drainage as part of the project.

We are currently planning for a 2015 build. A considerable sum of money will be required and past experience suggests we will need to find a number of grant providers to fully fund the project. Projects of this magnitude are never easy, there is a degree of expertise involved and most committee members are already at full capacity dealing with the routine administration of the organisation.

To overcome these difficulties we are going to repeat a tactic which worked well on the last major project we tackled. On that occasion we formed a small project team mainly made up of local residents not actually involved with the WSLA committee. We found them by putting leaflets through doors asking for volunteers.

The people involved did not want to be part of a committee culture with an on-going commitment but they were happy to help out on a time limited project. The problem of course is that by definition the same people are not available for this new project.

I am going to be on the new team and Roger Woodward, referred to earlier, has volunteered to be part of it, but we do need perhaps another three people. So if you are genuinely interested in helping to enhance village sporting/community facilities and you can find the time to help without necessarily committing to anything long term please get in touch by ringing myself on Crewe 569844.

One last point, don't be put off by a lack of experience. Technical expertise is very much welcome but so is enthusiasm and a real willingness to learn.
Ray Westwood
Treasurer – WSLA





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Nature Roundabout, Issue 131

April produced a report from Dave O'Hara (Broughton Lane) of a mallard pair nesting in Dave's back garden, resulting in one egg. The following day, however, the nest was found ravaged and the egg buried. A fox was suspected to be the culprit. Dave went on to confirm the presence of a lesser spotted woodpecker at Joey the Swan.

Our April signs of spring were a brimstone butterfly at home on 15th; a bee and a 'small white' butterfly later. 29th was our first report of a swallow over Sandylands Park, courtesy of Ken Booth who also had a great spotted woodpecker in his front garden.

It was May before we had the pleasure of watching an individual swallow overhead, yet by 14 April there were dozens in the Staffs. Moorlands: rivers, farmyards with middens and flies the draw, we suspect.
On 24 April Graham Rawlings (Park Drive) excitedly identified Britain's smallest bird, the goldcrest, in a bush in the wild area of the garden, close to the stream, while clearing debris including the cones which had no doubt attracted the bird in the first place. On 21 April, at 8.30 a.m., Joyce Rawlings discovered an adult fox dozing on the patio, about thirty feet from the house, curled up, head down. Eventually it woke and trotted off towards the stream.

On 13 May a sparrowhawk landed abruptly on our back lawn, according to Trevor. It didn't hang around for Hilary to view. One that we did both see, perched in the middle of a neighbour's shrub early morning on 12 July, but, there being nothing on the feeders, it flew sullenly off across the allotments.
Mr. Barnett (Princess Close) mentioned a buzzard overhead during May. He was pleased to see one, being unused to seeing them over Wistaston. Clear skies tend to bring these birds circling high, and mewing, so, unless we are listening for them, they are not always easy to detect.

Anyone feeding birds all year will probably notice the summer the busiest time, with adults introducing their families to an easy source of food. Families, especially of corvines, feeding on fatballs, have voracious appetites, and act as alarm clocks when arriving for breakfast, unfortunately around 5 a.m.!

29 May brought the squeal of swifts to our ears, but it was a later date when we actually saw any. House martins, however, were over Willaston (does that count?) on the warm dry evening of 21 June, seemingly attracted to the eaves of the large old houses of Wistaston Road. A bat was also about.

We are not the only ones to have had bees take over a bird-box or nest. Our wren-box, (roofed, therefore; but never, as we know, utilised), has invited a swarm, but, since we leave each other alone, no aggression has been shown and chilly wet weather keeps the bees indoors.

The nights of late June began to bring moths to the windows: ours the 'garden carpet' – that common and pretty little moth that splays out its wings of white with dark blotched edges, (copying the patterns of soft furnishings?); and the 'silver Y' – the brownish moth with conspicuous 'y' shape on the wing's mid margin, whose Latin name of *Plusia gamma* is derived from the 'y' shape's resembling the third letter of the Greek alphabet.

On a final note, let's just enjoy the summer while it lasts.

Our thanks to all contributors.

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Wistaston Conservation Group

Since I wrote the last report on the workings of the Group, the majority of our work has been involved in the control of Himalayan balsam, a pleasant-looking plant with pink flowers which, if not controlled, will take over from our native plants, and will basically squeeze them out of existence.

In the Joey-the-Swan area, we have been working on control for several years, and are well on top of this invasive species. Down the stream, past the filter beds, we are winning, but there is more work to be done.

In the Field Lane area, the balsam is rampant, and we have spent several sessions over the past weeks to try to get the balsam under control. One problem in this area, is that we have encountered several wasps nests, and two of our team have been stung quite badly whilst doing the job, but we will not be beaten, and are slowly winning. There is a lot more work to be done; we will never actually eradicate this pest, but we will endeavour to keep it under control.

On the other side of Wistaston Green Road, on the Valley Brook path, we started last year to attack the balsam, and it is nothing like as rampant as in the past, one year almost blocking the path. By the time this article is published, we will again have removed as much as possible. Our biggest problem in this area is that we have no right to go onto the left bank of the stream as it is private land, and on this bank the balsam is probably the worst in our area
It must be remembered that just a single plant, left to seed, can result in thousands of seeds going into the brook, and the balsam taking over further down stream.

It may sound an impossible task to control this invasive species, especially as we are such a small group, but with very hard work by our team, we are gradually getting better control, but there is still a lot of very hard work to be done.
I would like to thank all our hardworking gang of volunteers for all they have put, and are still putting, into this difficult project. WE WILL NOT BE BEATEN.

Whilst doing our balsam pull below Field Lane, we saw an unusual sight, an Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar, but unfortunately nobody had a camera with them at the time. The caterpillar is about 3 inches long, 0.5 inches in diameter, green/brown in colour, and has “eyes” along its body; what a fantastic find. (see picture)

Some weeks ago, I was pleased to be asked to represent the group during the judging of the Britain in Bloom competition, and to relay to the judges the work our group has been doing, and is doing, in the Wistaston area. The judges were very impressed with the wildflower areas, and our work, and book, on the historic buildings in the area. They assured me that our work would score highly in the results of the competition.

Noting our work on wildflowers, we have had both good news and bad, on this subject. The area we strimmed last autumn alongside the Greenway, showed a vast improvement this spring, especially with the display of Cowslips. We will again be strimming the area in the autumn, after the seeds have fallen, to allow the smaller wildflowers the chance to show off their brilliant colours in future years. The bad news is that the area by Joey-the-Swan, which Dave O’Hara has spent a lot of time planning, sowing, and tending over the past years, has partly been strimmed out by one of the Council’s contractors, so this area will need a lot of TLC to get it back to where it was.
As some of you will know, Butterfly Conservation have recently organized a major, national, butterfly count on-line. The count finished on August 11th, and my count was fairly small, both in species and numbers. Less than 1 week later, I was stunned when I went into the garden on August 15th, to be surrounded by a brilliant cloud of colourful butterflies. If the count had been acceptable that day, my count would have been 9 species, and over 70 individuals, in my garden, in 15 minutes; what a fantastic experience.

Another interesting sighting recently was a large fungus on a dead tree in Hinging Bank Covert, which was later named as a Dryad's saddle fungus. (see photo). Unfortunately, just after we had photographed it, someone decided to pull it off the trunk, along with a large amount of bark!!

As always, if you would like to know more about the workings of our group, or you have a conservation issue to discuss, we will have a stall at the Duck Race, or please contact us via our website.
John M Wood,
Chairman.





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Joan Davenport of Wistaston



It is very sad to report that Joan Davenport who frequently gave us the pleasure of her poetry in Roundabout died in June aged 89.

She was born in Salmesbury, Lancashire but came to live in Wistaston with her parents and attended the Grammar School in Ruskin Road. She took a Teaching Certificate at Crewe College and one of her early appointments was at Rudheath near Northwich. This was followed later by an appointment at Ludford Street School which later became Victoria High School where she became Deputy Head and from where she retired.

During her early teaching years she taught Drama and acted in several amateur societies later becoming a member of the original Wistaston Players. She was also a member of Trio, a group of three players, who toured the area presenting extracts from plays, poems etc to groups such as the WI and any proceeds went to charity. Joan had her first book, *Acting for You,* published whilst at Ludford Street which developed ideas and themes for use in drama teaching. She went on to write, under her pen name Jo Dane, an adventure series entitled *J B Supersleuth* (the other James Bond) plus short stories.

Joan wrote a short story for a competition and won. The prize was amazing: a Cocktail party to meet celebrities amongst whom were crime writers Dick Francis and Simon Brett and the actor Tony Britton. This was followed by an overnight stay at the Ritz. There is more: a week later she flew to a Champagne house in the Reims area where of course there was Champagne to sample! What a prize for Wistaston's literary lady!

Joan had so many talents which led her in so many different directions but sadly she died in Leighton Hospital on the 18 June 2013 after a severe deterioration in her health.

Many thanks to Joan's lifelong friend, Pat Giles, who gave me her reminiscences to put together the above.

Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre
Chairman's report

Everybody connected with the hall was greatly saddened by the death of **Mrs Olive Williams**, who had been a member of the hall's management committee for sixteen years. Olive had represented the Wistaston Flower Club since 1997 and was a regular and valued attender at meetings. Her floral displays at the front of the hall and her poppy display at the Remembrance Service were always appreciated and admired. She will be greatly missed. The management committee was well represented at Olive's funeral at St Andrew's church, Crewe on 14th August.

Regular users of the hall will have noticed, and appreciated, the two recent new developments:

- **New stage curtains**. At a total cost of £3,173, new curtains were installed by Arighi Bianchi on 20th August, at the front of the main Armitage room. Members of the management committee raised most of this money via events organised by members, such as Duck Races, a coffee morning, concerts and a quiz.
- **Decoration of the side rooms**. The Dudley and Holmes rooms have been decorated and add to the ambience of the hall.

Two events have been organised:

- **Tuesday 22nd October**. The Annual Hall Quiz with six rounds of general knowledge questions, with refreshments, for £8 for the Fred Lorimer Memorial Shield.
- **Sunday 10th November**. The hall's Remembrance Service starting at 3pm. Representatives from the Royal British Legion and the Scouting fraternity will be present. This year we are paying a tribute to Driver Robert Walker Hilton, Royal Corps of Signals, who died in a road accident on 8th September 1941, aged 25, whilst involved in military training in southern England. Any information about this brave Wistonian would be much appreciated. He was the husband of Elsie Hilton who then lived at 31 Lewis Street, Crewe and the stepson of Mr A H Bricker of the Earl of Crewe hostelry.
- We plan to have a Concert on a Thursday in late November with the Crewe Concert Band.

We welcome a new trustee on the hall's management committee - **Mr John Molloy**, representing the Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club.

The three rooms at the Wistaston Memorial Hall are available for hire via the Booking Officer Mr Herbert Locke MBE - Telephone 665664.

John White, Chairman
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Wistaston Young Drama Group



Wistaston Young Drama Group performed their Annual Showcase in May at the Audley Theatre to a packed audience. The picture Shows members aged between 6 – 11 performing *Hansel and Grethal* in Rhyme, a traditional tale given a modern twist including a rapping Mole! The children have helped write the play which was facilitated by Hayley Lindley.

Members aged 11 – 13 performed *Murder at Black Manor*, a comedy murder mystery which the members devised, facilitated by Alex Craig Colcombe. The creating process began with a game of Cluedo, from where they developed their characters. The play was set around a dining table and the children had the audience in stitches with their dry and slapstick humour.

The senior group presented *The Audition* directed by Michaela Warrilow which explored attitudes and prejudices of young people in the entertainment industry. The play was based in an audition waiting room and the children each played a number of characters.

Wistaston Young Drama Group has been established for nearly twenty years and we provide a fun and safe environment with coaching by professionally trained drama leaders. Lessons include creative movement, structured improvisation, drama games, language development and voice coaching which aims to build confidence, improve concentration and creativity.

Why not give us a try? Classes are held in the Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston on Saturdays from 10.30am to 12.45pm and are £6.00 per week. Free taster sessions are available for new members. For further information regarding the classes contact Margaret 01270 668233 or Judy 650341 or see our website www.wistastonyoungdramagroup.weebly.com

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How do you warm up on blustery October days and bitter November nights? Congregate round the radiator with cups of tea on tap? This Autumn, scores of people are discovering a very different way to get that warm and fuzzy feeling. Ballroom Dancing. That's right, scientifically proven to beat those Autumnal blues. It seems Wistaston has caught a jitterbug.

Ballroom classes are currently being held by Dance Basics, at St Mary's Church Hall. The founders of the school, Mark & Shannah Birchenough say "People are drawn to the social aspect of it - it's a pastime that is good for you mentally, physically and socially".

Ballroom dance has always had an element of grandeur and social elegance to it. Once used to entertain Kings & Queens, then as a form of courting before the "dolls'n'trolls.com" brigade took hold. Modern day ballroom has a fresh feel to it, whilst still nurturing that elegance. This in part is testimony to the media. With a record breaking 13.35 people tuning in to watch the final of BBC One's Strictly Come Dancing last year, it seems the nation's love of ballroom dance is being rekindled. "Strictly Come Dancing has made Ballroom popular again. We are seeing younger couples joining classes. Many people are also taking wedding dance lessons" say the former Welsh Open Champions.

With ballroom and Latin classes at Dance Basics starting from the age of six and the oldest member being aged 82, whether you waltz like Widdecombe or already dance like Du-Beke, as long as you have the willingness to have fun, you can enrol in the new children and adults classes this Autumn.

Although having fun is the name of the game - Dance Basics also offers its pupils the chance to follow a professional route, similar to Mark & Shannah.

"Pupils can compete in regional and national competitions. We offer medal tests where an external examiner comes in to assess the pupils. Some of our pupils go on to take part in shows in the theatre'. It's a balance that's hard to strike, but one that this Dance school has managed, inspiring people to have fun and become professional in equal measure. Better still, it's just round the corner!

If this is how the stars of the future are inspired, what motivates today's professionals? It seems to be a case of there's no time like the present, according to the pair.

"We've been dancing together for 20 years now, so dance has been part of our lives for so long. It was our love and passion for ballroom and Latin that inspired us to set up our own school. It seemed like a natural progression, so that's when the dancing school was formed, thirteen years ago."

You may be thinking this all sounds fab-u-lous, but what if you don't have your very own Flavia or Forsyth who is willing enough to tag along and cha cha cha with you? They say it takes two to tango -its time, dear reader, to set the record straight! "You don't need to come as a couple to us", says Mark, "Our children come as individuals or with friends - the adults can come as singles, couples or even as a group" Phew!

So next time you find yourself wafting a tea towel in Pasodoble fashion or tapping your toes to the Strictly Come Dancing credits, think how much fun you could be having all year round at Dance Basics. Where are my dancing shoes? For more information please visit http://www.dancebasics.co.uk/

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At the Wistaston Village Fete on Saturday 15th June Reg Flower Piper, led the procession. The 35th South West Cheshire Scout group followed- with last year's Rose Queen, Daisy Wybrow and her Attendant, Emma Bishop in an open-top sports car and this year's Rose Queen, Naomi Barker and her Attendant, Poppy Bellingham in an open-top vintage car. After the Rose Queen crowning by Wistaston's Rector Mike Turnbull, Laurie Clough 2012 Wistonian of the year presented the Laurie Twiss Award as above to Ella Banks, centre with Macy Slater, second and Daniel Fowler Highly Commended. Liam Prestwich, Third Prize winner could not be present.

Thank you to Jonathan White for the above photo and write up.

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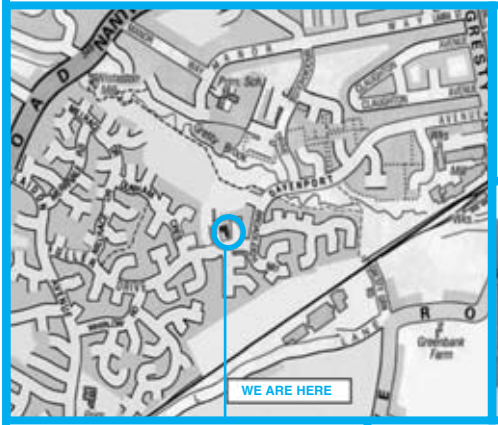
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