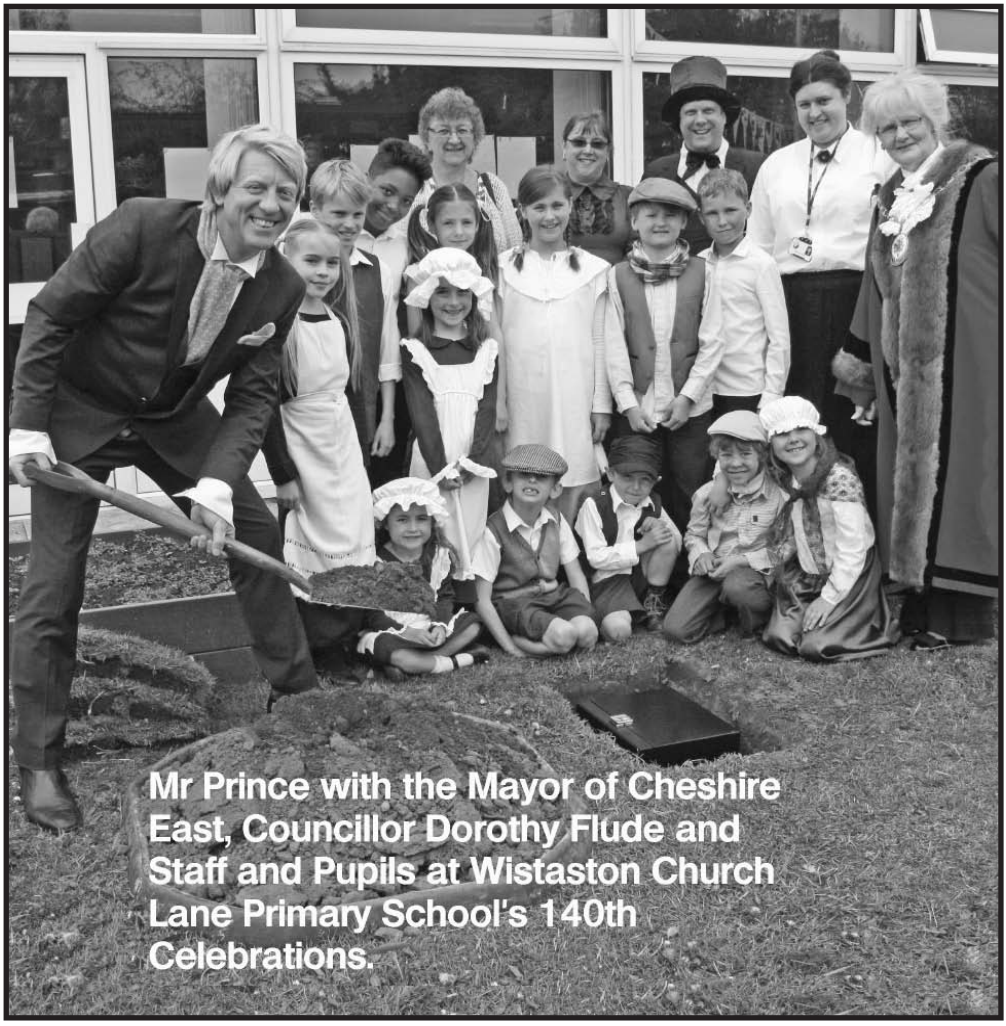
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Mr Graham Prince watched by the Mayor of Cheshire East, staff and pupils as he buries a Time Capsule to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of Wistaston Church Lane Primary School

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Please send in your articles, photographs etc. for our Autumn edition – due out in early September – by 15 July 2014.

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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 especially the Revd Mike and Mrs Sarah Turnbull for the use of their garden.

We aim to help individuals or groups where a small donation would assist their local efforts.

Dates for your Diary for 2014
Wistaston Events

Saturday 21 June	Village Fete
Saturday 16 August	Flower and Produce Show
Saturday 6 September	Annual Duck Race
Saturday 1 November	Firework Display
Sunday 9 November	Remembrance Service
Friday 5 December	Christmas Concert
Saturday 13 December	Memorial Hall Concert

Wistaston Village Fete Saturday 21 June 2014

1.15pm Rose Queen Procession from the Memorial Hall to the Rectory Gardens
1.45pm Opening of Fete : Crowning of St Mary's Rose Queen, Lucy Rowlands, by Rev Mike Turnbull

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WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. WOODLAND IMPROVEMENT

We have finally completed year 1 major work to Old Covert in March with pathways, coppicing and new planting. Feedback from residents has been very positive. Year 2 minor work is continuing.

2. HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

2.1 Church Lane

An appeal is in progress by the developer against Cheshire East Council's refusal of planning permission. The Planning Inspectorate's decision is awaited.

2.2 Wistaston Green Road

A formal planning proposal for 150 houses has now been made, comments should be sent to Cheshire East Council.

2.3 Moorfields / Adjacent to Wistaston Parish

An appeal is in progress for a development of 146 houses at Moorfields Willaston part of the site being in Wistaston.

Your Council has continued to robustly object to these developments primarily on the grounds of eroding our green land areas. Details of all these developments can be found by visiting www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning

2.4 Local Plan

Cheshire East Council's Local Plan has now reached its final stage and is to be submitted to Government. Details can be found on Cheshire East Website www.cheshireesast.go.uk/localplan

3. HIGHWAY ISSUES

Residents are reminded how to report concerns for potholes, drain cleaning etc. by contacting Cheshire East Highways on 0300 123 5020 or their website www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/roadworksandhowtoreporthighwayfaults

4. ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We have had a recent spate of motorbikes being ridden on the footpaths and woodlands causing damage to the newly laid paths and placing residents and users at risk. Police patrols have been stepped up and PC Sambrook has said this is dangerous and selfish behaviour. Anyone who has any information should contact Crewe Neighbourhood Police Unit on telephone no. 101.

5. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings at Wistaston Memorial Hall on the following dates:-

19th June 2014 – 7.30 p.m.

17th July 2014 - Annual Parish Meeting 8.00 p.m.

18th September 2014 – 7.30 p.m.

Cllr. J. Moore
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Councillors contact details on page 8

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Wistaston in Bloom

This year celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Royal Horticultural Society and we look forward to it with a good display in the nine flower beds around Wistaston.

Once more Wistaston is in the competition for the best kept Town in North West England and the judges will be visiting us on Tuesday 8 July when we hope to improve on our award of Silver in 2013. So it is in our best interests if the residents can have their gardens looking at their best on this day.

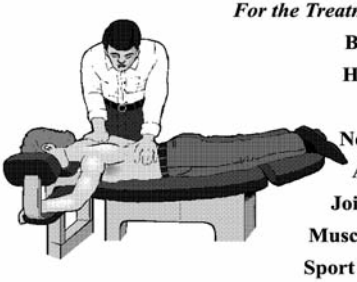
May I remind you that the parish also has its own competition when the best front gardens in each of the three wards of Wells Green, St Mary's and Wistaston Green are awarded vouchers of £25, £15 and £10 for first, second and third respectively. The overall winner retaining the Wistaston Parish Council Cup for one year. For the best hanging basket display there is a voucher of £25 and a Shield. There are also trophies for the best Commercial and Community Premises.

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Geoff Armitage – 1926-2014



Sadly, Geoff Armitage, who has been such a strong pillar of Wistaston's community for so many years, died on the 15 March after battling health problems, just six months after his wife, Sheila, died.

Geoff was born in Hoylake, on the 21 April 1926, the same day as the Queen, to Joshua and Kate Armitage. He had an older brother, Jos and a younger sister, Irene. Geoff and Sheila both attended the same Church of England primary school in Hoylake and knew each other from an early age; Geoff went on to attend Caldy Grange, leaving school at sixteen. His first job was with the Midland Bank in Birkenhead where he worked until he was 17 when he joined the Marines. It was during his stint with the Marines that Geoff decided to become a teacher, as he was astounded by the number of Marines who could not read their letters from home.

As Sheila and Geoff grew up they were amongst the same friendship group and their love for each other grew out of this friendship group and in 1949 they married at St. Hildeburgh's Church in Hoylake. By this time Geoff had begun teaching in Marlowe and it was there that they began their married life together. A few years later Sheila and Geoff were back in Hoylake, where they opened a bed and breakfast guest house. Geoff continued teaching at Greasby primary school where he became the athletics and football Coach.

During this time Sheila and Geoff fostered three children from Ghana supporting them at primary school in Hoylake, helping them to speak English and assimilate the English culture until the children left for private education in Wales.

Sheila and Geoff moved again, this time to Neston but Geoff continued to teach at Greasby. Family life developed, Jason was born and Geoff was appointed to his first headship at Lawton Park Church of England School at Church Lawton, Alsager.
In 1965, to develop his career further, he moved to Ince near Wigan to take up the Headship of a larger school and it was during this time at Ince that Geoff began his love for amateur dramatics, both acting and directing many productions such as 'Arsenic and Old Lace'. He worked hard juggling school, athletics, football, amateur dramatics and family ably assisted by Sheila his great rock and support.

A move to Wistaston came about in 1971 when Geoff became the head of Church Lane School and in 1977, the Silver Jubilee year, Geoff & Sheila found themselves part of the special committee which was set up within Wistaston to plan the celebrations for that year. This resulted in the setting up of Wistaston Community Council which Geoff became a member of and he worked tirelessly on this throughout the rest of his life helping to organise and enable many community events - the Village Fete, Flower and Produce Show, Christmas Concert.
One of these community events was the Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display, now without the Bonfire at the Brittles but back then it was just Ted Richardson's field and a pickup truck and flatbed trailer would be sent around the village for contributions of wood for the bonfire. One year the bonfire grew to such a height that when lit the fire brigade had to be called to dampen it down. Geoff was always in charge of the fireworks, nearly always taking someone's head off with a rocket or Catherine Wheel.

In 1981 Geoff retired as head of Church Lane School – it is a great pity that he didn't live to see and be part of the 140th Celebrations which took place in May this year. In 1986 Geoff was named Wistonian of the year. Geoff's last Community event was the Village Fete in June of last year when he entertained us as compere for the event.

Geoff has been a long-standing and active member of St Mary's Church and Parish Church Council involving himself in many of its activities, helping and encouraging with his cheery wit and guiding with his infinite knowledge of just about everything.

As well as being involved with village life Geoff had many other hobbies; he was a very keen gardener and a member of the Wistaston Gardeners' Society for many years, some of those on the Committee. He was quiz master of the Annual Memorial Hall Quiz and he was also a wonderfully imaginative writer and colourful weaver of stories under his pen name, Joshua York. Running through this rich tapestry that was Geoff's life was the strong thread of family life with Sheila, his son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Jan, his grandchildren and his great grandchildren. His work in education had touched and changed many, many lives. He had enriched communities and individuals alike with his enthusiasm, his fairness, and his willingness to listen whilst the knowledge he imparted to so many opened up for them new horizons. Geoff will be greatly missed.

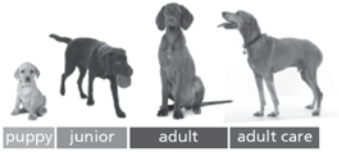


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In the near future, 2015, it is hoped to provide a larger indoor area. This would enable indoor activities to be played such as: **Indoor Bowls, Table Tennis, Skittles etc**

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P.S. How about darts and dominoes?? There is a Bar available too!









‘XCITE’ Street Dancers

A street dance crew who train in Crewe are heading to a European Championships and a World Championships after qualifying at a recent competition in Chester.

George Unwin, Jacob Edwards, Ellie White, Eden Vickers and Joseph Tasker, aged from 7 to 10 from Wistaston, form the ‘XCITE’ street dance crew and took part in the UDO North Wales Street Dance Championships 2014 at the Northgate Arena in Chester on Sunday 4th May. http://www.udostreetdance.com/events/udonorthwalesstreetdancecompetition2014

‘XCITE’ crew competed in the 10 and under age category and beat off fourteen other crews to finish in second place. They were judged on factors including timing, technique and difficulty of routine.

Their second place qualifies them for the World Championships in Glasgow in August 2014 and the European Championships in Germany in 2015.

‘XCITE’ crew are all members of Miss Caroline’s School of Dance and train twice a week at St Mark's in Crewe with their instructor Jack Robinson.

Caroline Foxley (Founder and Principal of Miss Caroline’s School of Dance) said, ‘We are extremely proud of XCITE. This was only their second competition so to achieve second place and qualify for the Worlds and the Europeans is a massive achievement. The hard work and dedication that the students, parents and Jack their teacher put in has well and truly paid off. The group is a shining example of our School’s talent and we look forward to their future success.’

For further information in relation to Miss Caroline’s School of Dance and their dance schools in Crewe and Malpas please phone 07817511919 or visit their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Miss-Carolines-School-of-Dance-Yoga/133329063451932

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Our Ground Force week-end at the end of March went well and much needed repairs and general upkeep to the facilities at The Brittles were completed. The season opened on **Saturday 19th April,** in **The Cheshire Alliance.** Our **First Eleven** participating in **Division 1** visited **Port Sunlight 1st XI** and in a closely fought match came away with a draw, **Josh Allwood 43 and Mike Chester 49 n.o** top scoring while the **Second Eleven** hosted **Port Sunlight 2nd XI** at The Brittles in **Division 3,** and recorded a victory by **4 wickets** with **Gareth Barnes** scoring **112 not out.** In **The Cheshire County Cricket League, Division 2 West** our **Sunday 3rd XI** began their season with a visit to **Winnington Park CC 3rd XI** on **Sunday May 4th.**

Our **Women's First Eleven** opened their season at home, hosting **Stockport Trinity 1st XI** at **The Brittles on Sunday 20th April, losing by just 14 runs - Laura Newton top scoring with 52 and returning bowling figures of 3-6 off six overs.**

Our junior teams (9's, 11's and 13's) will be playing in the **South Cheshire Junior Cricket League - West** and the **Under 18's** will be entering **The South Cheshire Junior Cricket League. Our Under 15's Girls** team will be participating in **The Cheshire Women's Cricket League – Girls U15 – West.**

Important news:- Followers of our cricket club will be pleased to hear that they can now follow the club on Facebook.

The cricket club held an Italian Social Evening on 12th April which was very well attended with all proceeds being channelled into the cricket club. This event was closely followed by a Curry Social Evening on 31st May. Further similar theme evenings are scheduled for the future – watch this space.

Wistaston Cricket Club will be holding their annual President's Day at The Brittles on Sunday 17th August, so please make a note in your diaries and join us for what should be a very entertaining day out.

www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk/roundabout.html and
www.creweguardian.co.uk/sport

For those readers who enjoy watching a game of cricket, why not make a detour to The Brittles on a Sunday afternoon, where you will be made very welcome.

Wistaston Cricket Club continues their search for players for the current cricket season, not only to promote but further improve on the great progress achieved over past seasons. As mentioned on many occasions we offer cricket to adults and juniors of *ALL STANDARDS* therefore if you are interested in joining our cricket club please contact Kevin Jobbins -Tel 663699 in the first instance.

The cricket club holds Bingo evenings every **third Friday** of each month at the **Wistaston pavilion lounge at The Brittles** to raise funds and a warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to join us. Following a summer break, Bingo evenings will re-commence on **Friday 19th September 2014.**

We offer cricket to adults and junior 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).**

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Crewe/Nantwich/Sandbach Meetup Group

The 'Crewe/Nantwich/Sandbach Meetup Group' are looking for new members. The group formed in February this year and is open to anyone in the Crewe, Nantwich, Sandbach and surrounding areas who is looking to make new friends.

The group does exactly what its members want it to do which could involve drinks nights, walks, coffee mornings, cinema trips, days out, weekends away, and activity trips.

To join please visit: http://www.meetup.com/Crewe-Nantwich-Sandbach-Meetup-Group/
Founder member Karen Gordon said, 'We've had a fabulous response already and enjoyed several successful events. We have lots more planned and look forward to welcoming new members'.

Report from Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club

Tennis started with the members flocking to WJTC at the start of the 2014 tennis season.

Lovely sunshine gave us hours of great tennis, a bit blustery at times but a pleasure to be out in the fresh air. Hopefully the courts are due to be painted in April/May, depending on the weather of course.

It was with great sadness that we heard the news of the death of Geoff Armitage. Together with his wife Sheila, who passed away last year, they were great supporters of WJTC and each Finals Day would find them both enjoying the tennis, no matter that the weather wasn't always at its best, Geoff and Sheila insisted on sitting outside giving the players their support. They will be greatly missed, not just at WJTC but for the whole of Wistaston Village,

In closing this report, and on behalf of club members, we extend our congratulations to Eileen Bamber on being made Wistonian of the Year, a much deserved honour in respect of her outstanding work in the village.

More information regarding WJTC, fees, coaching etc. availability of the courts can be obtained by phoning Bill Heath, membership secretary on 01270 560471 who will be able to give up-to-date details.

Happy Tennis everyone!

Alice Chalwin

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The Slazenger South & Mid Cheshire Tennis League.

The Spring League of the Slazenger South & Mid Cheshire Tennis League, organised by Chris Raiswell from Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club, is well underway with each team having played at least one match. Local teams participating include Audlem, Hightown, Nantwich, Wistaston and Wrenbury. The top team and bottom team in each division will be promoted or relegated respectively, which will form the Winter League later in 2014. Fixtures, results and tables are updated during the year via the League website: http://www.smctennis.co.uk

The 68th Annual General Meeting of the Slazenger South and Mid Cheshire Tennis League took place on Thursday 13th February 2014 at the Holmes Chapel Victoria Club. Twenty-seven people attended, representing thirteen clubs participating in the League. The meeting recognised the work of John White, from Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club, who retired as League Secretary after forty years as an officer. He was made a Vice President of the League as a token of the League's esteem.

The Summer League of the Slazenger South & Mid Cheshire Tennis League started on Tuesday 22nd April 2014.

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Events Calendar for 2014/15

April 8	Anita Wright (Radio Stoke) Anita's Garden.
May 6	Martin Blow – Late Bloomers
June 10	Derek Jones - The Potato
July 8	Cheese & Wine Evening & Barry Walker Trophy
August 12	Graham Royle - Bees
September 9	Harry Delaney – Horticultural Pot Pourri with Q & A and Beryl Fenton Trophy
October 7	Alisdair Glen: Gardeners Christmas
November 11	Ray Rush: Christmas & New Year Rites and Rituals
December 9	Christmas Party
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January 13	John White – History of Wistaston
February 10	Dave McCabe – Lighter Times of the Fire Brigade
March 10	AGM – Meat & Potato Pie Supper

New members and visitors welcome.
For further information phone 01270 662672

Cynthia Limbrick



It is with sadness that we report that Cynthia Limbrick has died recently after an illness. She was born in Putney and moved north with her husband Jim. They settled in Broughton Lane, Wistaston in 1967 and had a son and daughter and grandchildren. She was soon a Brownie Guider with the 1st Wistaston Brownies which met in the Memorial Hall and she remained with the guiding movement for many years. She is remembered as having a great sense of humour and loved cooking, delighted to have Trefoil meetings in her garden when a barbecue would be the order of the day.

She began her nursing training at Leighton Hospital in 1972 and worked at Redsands from the mid seventies.

Cynthia's knowledge of plants was phenomenal. She greatly enjoyed visiting National Trust gardens and anyone with any queries regarding botanical names were dealt with immediately. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her; she was a lovely lady and popular resident of Wistaston.



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Nature article for Roundabout, Issue 134

Foxy tales continue with Mary and Tom Seaton observing a youngster on 21.1, 10am.ish, exploring the gardens of nos. 19 and 21 Byron Way and hanging around for five minutes. 26.3 brought a sighting from Joyce Rawlings of a fox in Park Drive at 03.15, walking towards Nessina Grove, nose to ground as if tracking prey. This end of Wistaston seems to hold the highest vulpine concentration judging from our reports.

The 'me 'n' you, me 'n' you, will you do it, do it now' wake-up call of song thrush in the allotment hedgerow of Sandylands Park has been heard off and on from the third week of January. Blackbirds and dunnocks arrive with the dawn. It used to be the tradition to call any small bird a 'sparrow' and the dunnock's alternative of 'hedge' sparrow stuck even after the bird was confirmed as a different species. 'Dunnock' came about through the dun colour of the bird.

With us it has been a bumper winter for chaffinches and goldfinches, our garden seeing numbers of both species into the teens at times. We thought the little flock of bramblings encountered in the heart of Delamere Forest in the afternoon of the miserable 26.1 might be our only glimpse of this colourful finch, but the first day of February brought a single male to our garden. It is always wise to check chaffinch flocks in winter-time for something a bit unusual. Come March and bramblings are off to their breeding grounds north of the Baltic. Two female siskins appeared on our feeders in early March, lacking the black head of the male, but delicately handsome none-the-less with their striations and greenish tint. On the 9th the tinkling of a goldcrest was heard in conifers near St. Mary's Church and on 10th we had a brief visit from a female blackcap on our fat-balls (brown crown as opposed to male's black). To celebrate the final week of our winter garden bird survey (week beginning 30.3) we had the treat of a pair of redpolls and a male siskin on our feeders, and with April we are hearing chiffchaffs daily. Our hat, however, goes off to Dave O'Hara reporting his first swallow over the farm buildings by St. Mary's Church on 11.4. Sadly, Paul Chesters of Church Lane has seen no birds in his garden since last November, or even over the fields, his outlook stretching as far as the Bickerton Hills.

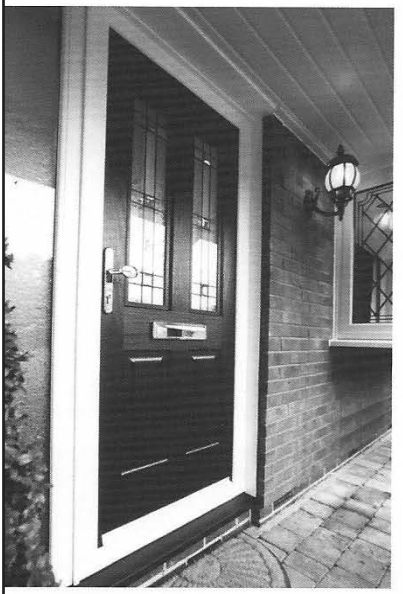
Away from birds, our frogspawn arrived on 6.3, a month earlier than last year, fractionally ahead of that of Helen and Mike Pierce also of Sandylands Park. It was a similar story for our first butterfly: a small tortoiseshell on 10.3, compared with 6.4.2013. Mrs. Whittingham (Wordsworth Close) was amazed to see a red admiral basking on a Nantwich pavement in February. We imagine this was a warm day since this butterfly overwinters in sheltered places, mild winter days confusing the insect into assuming it is spring. The sunny intervals of 11.4 brought our own first peacock, orange tip and comma butterflies, but in the distinctly cooler conditions of cloud cover they are gone in a trice. Roll on warmer weather.

Our thanks to all contributors.

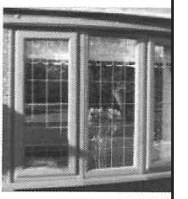
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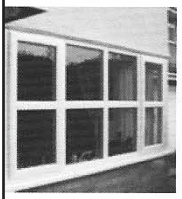
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Wistaston Conservation Group

It is amazing how much **hard work** goes into very simple tasks!! This period **our working party** has done a lot of hard work on the paths in our local woodlands, and I am sure that if you walk these paths you will have noticed how much better they are, for their efforts, and for your enjoyment.

Our team are now decked out in Wistaston Conservation Group tabards, and are being thanked by many people who see what we are doing. Such words of thanks go a long way to healing the bad back, sustained in bringing our pathways to a much better state.

Photos show **our team** working on the path over the old sewage beds, and the reconstituted path through Hinging Bank Covert. (photos 1 and 2)

The team has also done a lot of work to improve the drainage on several areas of the paths where, in wetter weather, the paths become muddy. Hopefully, this work will improve this situation, for the benefit of all who use our paths.

The Group has done a lot of planting of bulbs, and strimming of areas to improve the smaller wildflowers, and over the past month we have seen the results of these projects:

1. **Daffodils—**great shows of daffodils by the information board on the Wistaston Green Road car park, (photo 3) and a great show on the path behind Broughton Lane, along Gresty Brook towards Manor Avenue, and from the recreation ground into Old Covert.
2. **Wildflowers—**you may remember that over the past 2 years we have strimmed the triangle by the Greenway to keep down the tall grasses, and to allow the smaller wildflowers to come through. This April, the show of Cowslips on this area has been fantastic, and there are many other wild-flowers waiting to show their colours in this area, in the coming months. (photo 4)
3. **The recently planted Bluebell area** along the Greenway, towards the Rising Sun, is beginning to show through, but this will need another year or two, to show really good results.

This shows that a small amount of well planned work can lead to superb results for all to enjoy.

Housing developments—I think I speak for most of the residents of Wistaston when I voice considerable anxiety over the housing developments in the pipeline. Wistaston was intended as a village, between, and separate from, Crewe and Nantwich, and this is how most of us wish it to remain. These developments will have a disastrous effect on village life, and the recreational potential of us all.

Wistaston Conservation Group's motto is "to preserve the natural features of Wistaston for future generations". If these developments go through there will not be anything left for us "to preserve for future generations". And for what? only for profit, or call it greed, of the developers. NO, Government, we are full, and we do not need any more houses in Wistaston. PLEASE do all you can to stop these unwanted developments; sign the petitions, write in and object, support the Hands Off Wistaston campaign to keep Wistaston as we all want it.

Wistaston Conservation Group is a small, but hard working group, but we can always use more help. If you would like to consider helping us, come along to one of our working parties on Monday morning at 10am. details on our website:address below. You would be most welcome to just come and see what we do, and have a coffee at 11 am. Maybe you would like what you see, and decide to join us.

Our website, with all the details, including contact details and our next working party is, www.wistastonconservationgroup.org.uk

Hope to welcome some of you in the near future to help to keep Wistaston a great place to live.

John M Wood, Chairman.









Rose Queens of Wistaston



There have traditionally been Rose Queens at every Village Fete in Wistaston going back to when? It would be interesting to see how far back we can go with our photographs. The oldest photograph I have seen is from 1953 and this was on the front cover of the Summer Roundabout for 2012. There are some lovely photographs of our recent Rose Queens and our Rose Queen for 2014 is Lucy Rowlands and like the others will be met with a barrage of cameras. Surprisingly enough whilst looking through past photos I spotted one of Lucy's Mum, Anita, nee Jones when she was a flower girl to Hilary Hitchin - see above on the magnificent float aka 1979. Anita is pictured centre front. Are there any more interesting photos out there? Let Roundabout know about them.

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Local Drama Group Scoop Awards



Wistaston Young Drama Group achieved success at the Youth Federation Awards evening held at Mid-Cheshire College in March. Emma Rogerson was the runner up in the Young Achiever Award for writing and producing the play, *We were There*, ultimately raising nearly £1000 for St Luke's Hospice.
Margaret Boschi was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for providing community drama activities for the past twenty years.
(Margaret and Emma are pictured with their awards).

WYDG have recently joined up with Friends for Leisure to provide opportunities for disabled children and young people and have been pleased to welcome new members to the group.

2014 is a special year for us as we celebrate our 20th year of drama and we are looking for budding actors/actresses aged 6 – 16 to join us in readiness for our celebrations. Classes are fun and entertaining with an opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends. Why not give us a try? The first session is free.

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.

We provide a fun and safe environment with an opportunity to make new friends. Classes are run by professionally trained drama leaders and lessons include creative movement, structured improvisation, drama games, language development and voice coaching which aims to build confidence, improve concentration and creativity.

So why not give us a try? For further information regarding the classes contact Margaret 01270 668233 or Judy 01270 650341 or by email wydg@hotmail.co.uk

Further information and updates can be found on our website, www.wistastonyoungdramagroup.weebly.com

Wistaston Church Lane Primary School Report May 2014

140th Anniversary



(*Mr Graham Prince is pictured with Mrs Joan Betts, centre, our oldest past pupil and her sister Mrs Monica Clough)*

This year the school is celebrating 140 years of education in Wistaston. For our 140th anniversary celebration day we dressed up as Victorian children. We found out lots of facts about the Victorian times (and we got caned!) At the end of the day we were presented with our own very special coins as souvenirs. Owen commented, "The Victorian day was good but I don't think I would have enjoyed school much in Victorian times." Our school cooks prepared a delicious Victorian-style meal.
In the evening there was an exhibition for past pupils. The oldest person there was 93. Over 500 people attended to look at the photographs and share their memories.

Residential Visits
In February Year Six went on an amazing adventure to **France**. They visited local towns and cities and also went to a goat farm and a chocolatier. Mrs Culshaw said that France was fantastic but added that it was very tiring!
Year Two stayed at **Tattenhall**. The children said they loved it. They particularly loved the art work, the chocolate fondue and spending time with their friends.
Delamere was an action-packed forest adventure for Year Three. They explored the forest, built dens and learned survival skills. Oscar and Lucy said that the camp fire and roasted marshmallows were delicious.
In May children in Year Four went to **York**. They had the chance to visit Clifford's Tower, Jorvik, York Minster and the National Railway Museum – and lots more.
Year Five pupils went to **Shropshire** to Manor Adventure to try lots of exciting activities like high ropes, canoeing, abseiling and fencing. Holly said, "I really enjoyed it. I got to try lots of new things."

Special Events
Each year group has enjoyed a special drama day. The drama was based on our topic work. In **Foundation** they focused on space and aliens. In **Year Five** they learned about pirates. **Year One pupils** had a fairy tale day at school where they tried lots of activities based on fairy tales they have been learning in class.
During the **Summer Term** pupils are busy playing football at lunchtime to celebrate the 2014 World Cup. The Infant Competition has been a real success and the final will be played at the end of May. Miss Saxon explained, "The children have had lots of fun. They ask every day if it is their turn to play again!" The Junior Competition begins after half-term.
By Craig Shaw, Millie Coombs, Liam Burns, Scarlet Jenkins, Jake Kelly and Missy Haysom (Year Five)

Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre - Chairman's report

The hall's 65th Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 27 March 2014 and the election of officers resulted in the following:
President - John Cooke
Vice Presidents – Glenys White and Norman Bentley
Chairman – John White
Treasurer – Maureen Bellis
Booking Officer – Bill Heath
Minuting Secretary – Glenys White

Five trustees were re-elected as representatives of the local community namely Audrey Astbury, Maureen Bellis, Kathleen Conroy, Bill Heath and Jessie Swan.
There are two vacancies for representatives of the local community.

Representatives of organisations – the nine representatives of the hall's user groups were confirmed and accepted:
Eileen Bamber – Nantwich & Dist. Scottish Society and Wistaston Community Council
Margaret Beresford – University of the Third Age
Robert Dodd – Rope Parish Council
Brian Edge – George Formby Ukulele Society
Michael Hassall – Crewe Cine & Video Club
Ray Westwood – Wistaston Parish Council
John White – Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club
Chris Wainwright – Wistaston & District Flower Club
John Molloy – Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club

The two main improvements during 2013 were the new stage curtains (£3,174) and a new water heater in the kitchen (£772). The major project during 2014 will be the modernisation of the disabled toilet (£2,000+).

You are welcome to join us for our future events:
Thursday 17 July – Coffee morning at 14 Westfield Drive, Wistaston from 10am. Admission £1 including refreshments. Stalls - books and bric-a-brac. Proceeds to the hall.
Saturday 6 September – Annual Duck Race and Children's Model Boat Race at the Joey the Swan Recreation Ground. Free stalls available from Glenys White: Tel. 661484.
Friday 31 October – Annual Hall Quiz. Why not bring a team of four for £8 per team and be challenged by Peter and Chris' General Knowledge quiz?
Sunday 9 November – Remembrance Service starting at 3pm. A tribute will be given to Lieutenant Ronald Arthur **Hulse** who died on 27 June 1944 aged 29 years. He served with the 91st Regiment, Royal Artillery and is buried in Egypt. He lived in Manor Avenue, Wistaston and attended the Nantwich & Acton County Grammar School (now Malbank High School). If anybody can add further details, please contact me on 01270 661484.
Saturday 13 December – Christmas Concert with the Crewe Concert Band et al.
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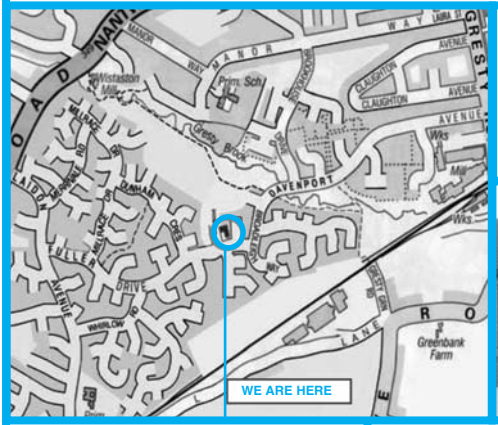
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