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Please send in your articles, photographs etc for our Summer edition, due out in early June, by 15 April.

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At the Wistaston Community Council's AGM in January the Wistonian of the Year was announced for 2014 and we are very pleased to reveal that it is Gwyneth Brown. Please read on page 11 why she has won this very prestigious award and why she is such a worthy winner. Very many congratulations, Gwyneth.

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Shavington High School	100.00
Wistaston Primary School	100.00
St Mary's Church Hall	100.00
Wistaston Cricket Club Donation	500.00
Total Donations	2,329.00

Dates for your Diary for 2015
Wistaston Events

Thursday 26 March Memorial Hall Management Committee AGM
Saturday 20 June Village Fete
Saturday 15 August Flower & Produce
Saturday 5 September Annual Duck Race
Saturday 31 October Firework Display
Sunday 8 November Remembrance Service
Friday 11 December Christmas Concert

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1. BUDGETS 2015/16

At our January meeting your Council approved next year's financial plan. I am pleased to report there will be no increase for the third year in our Parish Precept of £50,500. Essential services will be maintained and our support to our village organisations with grants is £6,000

2. HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

The scheme for 150 houses on land north of Wistaston Green Road was refused by Cheshire East Council Planning Department, however, before the decision notice could be issued the developer put in an appeal on the grounds of non-determination. In addition a revised scheme for 148 houses has been submitted as a new application by the same developer. Your Council's views remain unchanged.

3. SOLAR SPEED SIGNS

Our trial plan is to purchase one solar speed sign and three posts in designated areas advised by Cheshire East Highways and the Police. Consultation with householders affected is underway before any final decision

4. COLD CALLING

At our last meeting the Police Community Support Officer reported a growing concern on 'cold calling'. Information by the Homewatch team has been published with contact details for residents to report their concerns, as detailed below:-

Fraud 101 Rogue Traders 08454 040506
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5. PARISH DEVELOPMENTS

Two responses were received to our request in the last Roundabout Magazine. One resident proposal is to establish local litter picking group. Residents who wish to join in with this initiative should contact our Clerk. We would aim for the group to work under the guidance of Cheshire East Council and be supplied with appropriate equipment and protective clothing.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

The Central Government Localism Act introduced Neighbourhood Plans to give local communities the right to shape their future development. There are similarities to Parish Plans produced some years ago there are however, important differences and they are intended to have a wider scope and longer time scales. Once approved there is a referendum. They become a legal part of any Local Plan. Typically objectives include amongst others:-

- Sustaining and improving local facilities
- Sensitive housing development which protect landscapes
- Seek to improve transport and infrastructure
- Protect green spaces and support conservation
- Continuously involve local communities

Preparing plans has to have significant local involvement with communications, meetings with organisations and schools, regular resident forums to obtain community feedback. Setting up the process requires a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group largely drawn from residents and would include Parish Council Members, Cheshire Community Action and help from Cheshire East Council. The final plan has to be put to a referendum before acceptance. Grant aid would be provided. Your Parish Council would like to have feedback for the idea and any residents interested in joining a group should first contact our Clerk. A typical timescale would be 2 to 3 years.

7. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

We have vacancies in both Wistaston Green Ward and St. Mary's Ward. Interested residents should first contact our Clerk in writing with a brief résumé.

8. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings at 7.30 p.m. at Wistaston Memorial. Next meetings are on 19th February, 19th March and the Annual Parish Meeting 9th April 2015.

Cllr. J. Moore Chairman

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Betty Cooke	**25 Westfield Drive, Wistaston, CW2 8EU**	**569676**
Derrick Millington	**9 Chesterton Drive, Wistaston, CW2 8EA**	**664471**
Abigail O'Donnell	**51 Broughton Lane, Wistaston, CW2 8JR**	**663745**
Ray Westwood	**550 Crewe Road, Wistaston, CW2 6PP**	**569844**

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Ian Hodkinson	**432 Crewe Road, Wistaston, CW2 6QN**	**661601**
John Moore (Chairman)	**50 Laidon Avenue, Wistaston, CW2 6QH**	**661924**
Graham Roberts	**29 Berkeley Crescent, Wistaston, CW2 6QA**	**568521**

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Ken Parish	**12 Riverside Grove, Wistaston, CW2 8QF**	**650280**

Clerk to the Council

Mrs. Andrea Cross	**4 Arundel Close, Wistaston. CW2 8EY**	**652098**

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Wistaston Community Council 100 Club

A big thank you to all who took part in the 100 club during 2014. The total gross fund raised by the four weekly draws was £2712.00. Total prize monies to the winners of all 2014 draws was £1375.00 leaving £1296.55 after deduction of Lottery running expenses, registration fee plus bank interest, less tax deduction, to be used for donations/presenting events by Wistaston Community Council.

Major prize winning numbers in 2014

Prize Value	Draw Number												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
£200													116
£100						86							
£50			67						43				86
£25	27	70		79	3		30	82		45	35	71	

In addition to the above, five £10 winners drawn for draws 1 – 12 and an additional ten at draw 13.

I also wish to send a big thank you to the five collectors who work very hard collecting and handing out prizes throughout the year.

There are vacancies for 15 more people to join the club. Please express interest to any collector and/or Community Council member, otherwise contact me on 01270 669794. Please leave a contact number and I will get back to you if I am not available.

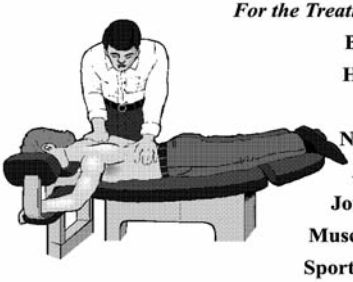
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In the 2013 Winter Edition of Roundabout I described the ambition of the Wistaston Sports and Leisure Association (WSLA) to extend the Pavilion at the Eric Swan Sports Ground which is situated behind the school on Church Lane.

At the time the Association was pulling together a team to manage the project and I appealed for volunteers to come forward to be part of the team.

Mike Howarth, John Lomax and Roger Woodward were kind enough to volunteer and Derrick Millington, Kevin and Pauline Jobbins and myself from the WSLA Committee joined them to form our team.

I can now report that after a considerable amount of hard work and about 6 months of waiting with bated breath for funders decisions, we now have all the funding in place. This means we will shortly be going out to Tender with a target start date for the build of May this year.

The majority of our grant funding is coming from Sport England (Lottery money) and WREN (Landfill Tax money). Each of these organisations has given us their maximum grant of £75,000 and we would like to publicly acknowledge not only their generosity, but also the help and assistance they gave to us throughout the bid process.

We would also like to acknowledge smaller but nevertheless important grants from Cheshire East Council and Wistaston Parish Council.

I would like to thank the members of our project team for all their hard work and on behalf of the team I would also like to thank all the many individuals and local organisations who have given us help and support. Our success with the funding bids was due in a considerable part to the many letters of support we received.

Tackling a project of this size has been a daunting task. We are not there yet but already we have a real sense of achievement. Goodness knows what our feelings will be like when it is actually completed.

There is bound to be some disruption during the build but we will be consulting with all our users and will do our very best to minimise the inconvenience to them.

Ray Westwood

Association Treasurer.

PS: There is still plenty to do on our list of improvements we want to make at the Sports Ground and we are always looking for volunteers to help us to realise them. If you want to be part of a great success story please give me a ring on 569844 or visit our web-site at www.wistastonsportsandleisure.co.uk



Car parking at the Brittles

N.B. When building work starts at the Brittles in May 2015 the car park cannot be used.

Gwyneth Brown – Wistonian of the Year



Gwyneth, our Wistonian of 2014 received her award at the Wistaston Community Council's AGM in January and is a very worthy winner and fully deserves to be Wistonian of the Year.

Gwyneth was born in Rainhill near St Helens, Lancashire moving to Crewe with her husband Alan where their daughters were born. She became involved in the Guiding movement and at St Mary's she was Captain, main group leader, a position demanding much time, effort and commitment. Organising interesting, educational activities with frequent residential camps led to Gwyneth being highly instrumental in the development of Milldale as an outdoor centre for the Guiding/Scouting movement. She represented Wistaston from l985/92 as the District Commissioner for Nantwich East.

Gwyneth is also highly involved with Wells Green Church and for a number of years was a Sunday School teacher. As part of the organising team she was involved in the successful running of the Holly Fair and was also a Church Steward for several years.
Gwyneth has been an active member of Wistaston Parish Council since 1999 and as part of her responsibility as a Parish Councillor became a member, and then Chairman since 2002 of the Wistaston in Bloom Committee and has led Wistaston to gain seven awards out of the last ten years, including Silver Gilt in 2014.
Gwyneth is involved in the U3A, teaching two groups and until recently was a Governor at Wistaston School. She is an active member of the Wistaston Community Council helping to organise many of the events, becoming President of the Flower and Produce Show several years ago. The list is endless. 'She is a true Wistonian who cares passionately about her community and in so many ways has been prepared to do something about it.'

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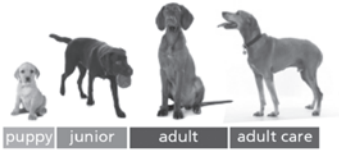
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Wistaston Village Cricket Club.

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Having just returned from a visit to *The Brittles* greeted by a howling wind, fresh frost on the ground, a temperature barely above freezing and the only life to be seen is the odd solitary bird..…too far away for the naked eye to recognise, it is hard to believe that the **2015** cricket season is barely three months away as I compose this latest report. The **2014** cricket season is now but a distant memory, the intervening months have witnessed the usual meticulous preparations at *The Brittles* to ensure that the highest standard of pitches are ready for the **2015** playing season. By the time my latest editorial wings its way through countless letter boxes, the cricket season will be barely a month away from commencing: first fixtures for the **First and Second Elevens** due to begin on **Sat.18 April.** The cricket club has now completed the demanding schedule of work through the winter months - which is so essential in ensuring that not only are our wickets perfect but also equally important, the outfield and facilities meet the usual high standards required by **The Cheshire Alliance**.

Indoor nets have been in progress at Brine Leas School, Nantwich since early February:- Tuesday evenings Juniors 6pm - 7pm, Adults 7pm – 8pm and will move outdoors to the Brittles after Easter, again on Tuesday evenings Juniors from 6.30pm and on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm for Adults.

For updates on information related above please contact K. Jobbins on 01270 663699 in the first instance.

Wistaston Village Cricket Club will be competing in the following divisions during **2015**

First Eleven:- **The Cheshire Alliance Division 1**

Second Eleven:- The Cheshire Alliance Division 3

Third Eleven (Sundays):- Cheshire County League Division 4 West

Women's First Eleven:- Cheshire Women's Cricket League Division 1/ 2

Wombats (Sundays):- Friendlies

Under 9,11,13:- The South Cheshire Junior Cricket League

Under 18's:- Mid Cheshire League.

Under 11's and 13's (Girls) The Cheshire Girls Cricket League. * This will be subject to the response generated by this editorial. Fuller details are available from Mr K. Jobbins 01270 663699.

At the cricket club's **Annual General Meeting** held last **November,** the following members were elected:- **President- R.Titus Chairman/development- K.Jobbins. Chairman- K.Thornhill. Secretary - M.Stokes. Treasurer – J.Mackenzie 1st XI Capt- M.Chesters 2nd XI Capt - J.Allwood. 3rd XI Capt- P.Heaton. LadiesXI Capt- Alison Smith. Club Capt- S.Collins. Junior co-ordinator- P.Brookfield. General- J.Avery. D.Titus. Club Welfare Officer – Sue Heaton.**

The cricket club would like to welcome two new faces to our committee, **Jo Mackenzie** taking over the role as **Treasurer from Janet Parr**, to whom we would like to thank for her splendid efforts whilst in office and secondly **Peter Brookfield** who has joined us from **Aston** as our Junior co-ordinator and coach. Also the new post of **Vice-Chairman** has been formed which has been filled by **Keith Thornhill**.

The cricket club held a very successful joint **Christmas** Social and Quiz evening at the cricket pavilion on **14th December.** The event was extremely well supported and feed-

back was very positive. Proceeds from these events help to finance the future development of the club.

PLAYERS REQUIRED FOR THE FORTHCOMING 2015 CRICKET SEASON

Following the excellent season by Wistaston Village Cricket Club's women's senior eleven, the cricket club would like to build on their initial successes and would very much welcome new players irrespective of age or ability, who have harboured the idea of playing cricket but have neither had the opportunity or self-belief of taking the next step.

We have always offered cricket to juniors and adults of all standards, so if you really would like to take the next important step towards playing cricket, please contact either **Pauline or Kevin Jobbins** on **01270 663699** for more details on what our cricket club can offer you.

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.

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: - 01270 663699** in the first instance.

For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins 01270 663699.**

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3. South Africa batsman AB de Villiers hit a century off 31 balls to record the fastest ever one-day international ton. In which city?
4. Which three counties did Ian Botham play for?
5. Which all-rounder took 100 wickets and scored 1000 runs in 16 seasons between 1903 and 1926.
6. Who was West Indian captain before Richie Richardson?

Answers on page 30

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Easter Services at St Mary's and St Lukes

Palm Sunday 29 March: Holy Communion at St Mary's 10.40am

Maundy Thursday 2 April: Holy Communion at St Luke's 7.30pm

Good Friday 3 April: All Age Service at St Mary's 11.am
An hour at the Cross at St Mary's: 2pm till 3pm

Easter Sunday 5 April: Service at St Lukes 9.00am
Holy Communion at St Mary's 10.40
Evening Prayer at St Mary's 6.00pm

Report of Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club – January 2015

The AGM of Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club was held in January where events of 2014 were discussed. The Club membership was just over the 100 mark, an excellent number for a two court club. Junior coaching sessions proved a big success and coaching sessions for adults could be a possibility in 2015.

The courts are now in pristine condition after the repainting in September but due to the high winds during the past few weeks the Striking Board on Court 2 became unstable. However with the help of 10 members of the Club it was installed to its original safe position.

Although the club needs to carry out repairs etc to the courts and surrounds which will incur some expense, the fees for 2015 will remain the same as the previous year as agreed at the AGM on 2014. More details can be obtained from Bill Heath, Hon. Treasurer/Membership Secretary, telephone 560471.
With good wishes for the coming year to all, from WJTC.

Alice Chalwin

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'A Grand Day Out' – Saturday 28 March 2015
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A Grand Day Out is a fundraising event to celebrate the life of Ceri Palmer Howells, an amazing young lady who was a former Wistaston Rose Queen and active member of the local community. Ceri died suddenly in March 2014 at the young age of 22 years from sudden arrhythmic death syndrome S.A.D.S. This is a little known condition that causes at least 12 young people to die every week in the UK.

Ceri's family are keen to support the work of Cardiac Risk in the Young – CRY, a charity that funds research into the condition and helps support bereaved families.
The day will feature great food, fun activities, a grand prize draw and an opportunity to find out more about the work of CRY and how you can help.
Tickets are £5 which includes entrance to the event and a cream tea or savoury option. Tickets are available from St Mary's Church Office, 01270 567119, office@stmaryswistaston.org.uk Ceri's website: www.ceriabigail.org.uk or direct from Robert and Alison Howells on 01270 569327.





Ceri is pictured on the left being crowned Rose Queen; on the right as retiring Rose Queen the following year.

If you are unable to join us but would like to donate, we are happy to receive donations to Ceri's memorial fund which is in aid of the vital work of CRY. For more information about CRY please go to www.c-r-y.org.uk



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Nature article for Spring Roundabout, Issue 137

We are catching up with those residents who report their exciting tales of sparrowhawks, gruesome or otherwise. We were visited by a sparrowhawk on 18 October when it sat in our tree for fifteen minutes without a kill, the first time one has stayed around for so long. Our only other such visit was an attack on 17 November, betrayed by an almighty thud against the window, the alarm calls of blackbird and a rapid dash of feathered creatures from the tree and hedgerow. We managed a glimpse of the raptor departing as it winged its low flight over into the allotments.

There is no shortage of the common birds, with teens of goldfinches and sometimes teens of chaffinches. We believe it's not a great 'brambling' year, but we still examine our finches closely. Our greatest delight was a female blackcap on a feeder over Christmas, but we are ashamed to say our only siskins were in Delamere Forest on 14.12. Waves of starlings in early November were already beginning the crepuscular undulations so associated with the back end of the year. Flocks of jackdaws come and go, but for a second year running carrion crows are rarely seen.

A nuisance element has been three grey squirrels chasing each other in the allotment hedgerow of Sandylands Park. There may have been a drey in the fork of branches near the crown of an oak, there being an untidy mesh of twigs, but it disappeared so we are none the wiser. These verminous critters tumble with each other and pounce through the hedgerow with typical alacrity and we don't know if it is play or aggression. They take some keeping off the bird-feeders, necessitating an almost permanent 'squirrel watch'. After innumerable years of life the wire handle of the hopper has been gnawed through by the beasts and a caged-in seed feeder installed in desperation. We hear there's a bounty for destruction of these terrors and about time too.

In late November Sian Astington, living near Jackson's Corner, heard rooks cawing and saw three on top of a tree with a heron flapping its wings to keep balance. The rooks stared at the steady heron, one rook then taking off to fly in a tight loop, making for the heron's tail, causing the heron to lose balance and leave. There was a small black object in the heron's bill, maybe blackbird size. Sian checked the book to find that herons eat rodents and chicks as well as fish. They do indeed have a very varied diet which also includes water voles, beetles, frogs, moles and rats. Again in November, around midnight, Sian heard hooting like an owl's. As she hadn't heard an owl in all the seven years she'd lived here she thought it was probably a human acting the fool. However, owl it was, most likely in trees by the sub-station opposite Church Lane.

The back-garden bushes have just revealed our first experience of a sparrow fighting a blue tit. The two species generally co-exist harmoniously, but as the tit was in full voice do you think the sparrow was jealous of the sweeter song?

Despite our volatile British weather, as the days draw out significantly now we look forward to our first snowdrops and crocuses of the new year. Grandma used to say these two flowers were the heralds of spring. Probably some poet said that too.

Our thanks to all contributors.

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Wistaston Conservation Group

Since my last report, our working party has been very busy on two major projects. Work is progressing well with both projects but there is still a lot of work required on both.

Rookery Bank Covert

The area between Rookery Bank Covert and the recreation grounds has been sadly neglected for many years. The majority of the trees and shrubs were either dead or dying due to severe congestion and many of those still showing growth, at the extremity of their branches, have become badly distorted in their search for enough light to allow them the small amount of growth possible.

This area has now been completely cleared of dead trees and shrubs and those showing some growth potential have been trimmed down. The latter will sprout again, some are already showing new growth, and will now have enough light to allow for normal growth.

It is our intention to sow wildflower seeds in the area, now that light can penetrate down to ground level, but this part of the project will take some time to show benefit of our work.

All the timber cut from this and other areas has been used to build a 'natural' hedge around the whole area we have cleared. **The photo,on next page** shows some of the cleared area, the hedging and the healthy trees benefiting from the clearance.

Joey-the-swan

There has been a small wetland area to the right of the grass island for many years but again due to neglect it has become very badly overgrown and almost completely full of leaf litter.

The working party has started to clear out the area, to make a better defined shallow pond and relocate many of the water plants. Previously cut timber has been utilised to make an edging for the pond which is then being covered over with silt removed from the pond. At the moment, as I write this, the area looks rather a mess but nature will soon start to green it all up which will also go a long way to strengthening these pond edges.

Our next stage is to put in a water levelling pipe so that we can control the amount of water the pond contains and to plant more water plants in order to make a more colourful attraction. A bridge will then be constructed over the outflow area to allow better access and the path from the children's play area will be considerably improved.

This project is ongoing and it will take quite a time to show the benefits of our work but will hopefully be a considerable improvement to the area.

The photo on next page shows the working party in the mud carrying out the hard work of digging out the pond.

We have a great working party averaging around nine per week which allows us to carry out these projects designed to keep Wistaston the lovely place to live, which we all want.

We meet at 09.30 every Monday morning and you would be most welcome to come along and see what we do. If you were to arrive about 11.00 then there is always coffee on and it's free.

Our next public show, where we exhibit what we are doing, sell plants, photographs etc and offer advice as requested will be at the Village Fete in June. Come and see us then.

As always, if you have a conservation issue or feel that you would like to join in this worthwhile work get in touch. Details are on our website:
www.wistastonconservationgroup.org.uk

John M Wood, Chairman



Working party digging out the mud.



The cleared area.

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Wistaston Gardeners' Society

Memorial Hall, Church Lane,
Wistaston at 7.30pm

Events Calendar for 2015/16

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Apr.14 Graham Wagstaff: Growing Vegetables in a confined space.
May 5 Tom Deans: Monet's Garden at Giverny
June 2 Marcus Chilton-Jones - The Pruner's Year
July 14 Cheese & Wine Evening: Barry Walker Trophy
Aug 11 Martin Blow: Gardening with Perennials and Beryl Fenton Trophy
Sept 8 Michael Walker: Ongoing Restoration of the Trentham Estate and Gardens.
Oct 6 Ray Rush - Folklore Plants and Trees
Nov 10 Anne Harrison - Composting
Dec 8 Christmas Party

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Jan 12 Derek Jones - Victorian Gardening
Feb 9 Harry Delaney - Lawn care, Maintenance and Topical Tips.
Mar 8 A.G.M. Meat & Potato Pie Supper

New members and visitors welcome.

For further information ring 01270 662672

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Wistaston in Bloom

As I write this we are enduring nights of hard frost, great for the soil but more taxing on the bones. Never mind, just keep digging and getting ready for sowing and planting out in the spring.

Repairs to the flower beds have been completed over the winter and all is ready for the coming season when once more we will be entering the North West in Bloom competition and hoping to emulate last years award of a Silver Gilt.

Roger Woodward
Secretary
Wistaston in Bloom

‘Ministers Musings’

‘Come and see! are words attributed in the gospels to one of Jesus’ first disciples, Phillip, as he encourages his friend Nathaniel to become a disciple – ‘Come and see!’

We all have occasions where we experience or enjoy something, and want to encourage others to do the same, don’t we? Whether it’s a new film we’ve seen at the cinema, or a play, or a book, or a gig, sometimes there are occasions where we want others to share in our experience, ‘you must go and see this…’ or ‘you must read this…’ are often the words we use, because we’ve enjoyed it so much we want our friends and/or family to enjoy it too.

Sharing in an experience is much more powerful than simply being told about it second-hand. Especially when the experience is so profound, or the enjoyment is so intense, that it is hard to put into words.

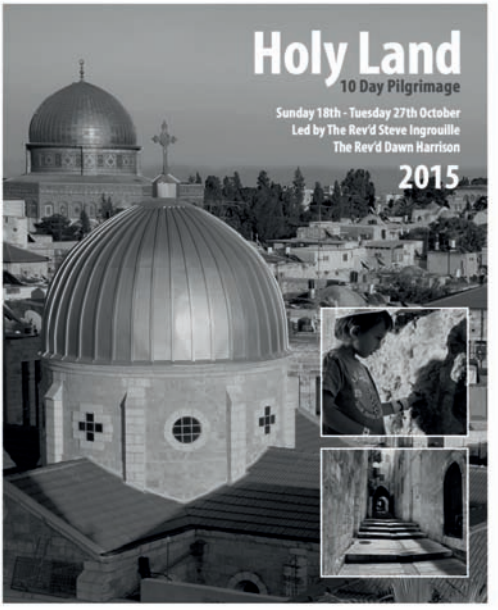
Which is why I’m inviting everyone who wishes to - come with me on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this October. I struggle to adequately describe the experiences I have had in the Holy Land during the three times I have been as a pilgrim myself. How can I describe the beauty of the Sea of Galilee, the experience of floating in the Dead Sea, the poignancy of sharing Holy Communion in the Garden of Gethsemene amidst 2000 yr old olive trees, the feeling of awe at the Ophel excavations or the Valley of Doves where you know you are literally walking in the footsteps of Christ? How can I put into words the way that Scripture is brought to life when you visit the places you had only previously read about - Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, the Pools of Siloam, the Mount of Transfiguration, Bethany, Capernaum, Caesarea Phillipi (to name but a few). So I simply extend the invitation – ‘come and see! - it is an experience you will treasure for a lifetime.

For further information about the itinerary and how to make a booking, please contact me on 01270 666156.

Every blessing, S*teve,* Rev Steve Ingrouille

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Boxing Day Walk.

Twenty local walkers and dogs enjoyed a gentle stroll on Boxing Day 2014. The event was organised by Helen Gould, one of the Wistaston Community helpers, and the route lasted for ninety minutes over 2.5 miles of the glorious fields in Wistaston.

Beating the bounds of Wistaston will ensure that the public footpaths may be used by the public for another year - this is an old bye-law for all villages and towns.

Helen Gould said, 'I re-introduced the walk in memory of Geoff Armitage who passed away this year. Geoff was a stalwart of the local community and organised the Boxing Day walk himself over many years until his health started to deteriorate. The participants really enjoyed the walk and it added to the local community spirit. We have decided to make this a regular walk each year and all are very welcome, wherever they live.'

The Wistaston Community Council also organises the annual Wistaston Fete, Flower and Produce Show, Spring and Christmas Concerts, and the November Fireworks Display. They are keen to attract new helpers to help organise the Wistaston-based events. Please visit http://www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk for further information if you would like to join.

Jonathan White





South Cheshire George Formby Ukulele Society – 2015 Concert and rehearsal dates

The Society - http://www.crewegeorgeformby.com - was founded in 1994 and performs a concert at the Wistaston Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston on the fourth Friday of every month throughout the year. There are no membership fees to pay to attend a concert and the entrance fee is just £1 to cover the cost of hall rent and light refreshments. The 2015 concerts all start at 7:30pm prompt and take place on 23rd January, 27th February, 27th March, 24th April, 22nd May, 26th June, 24th July, 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October, 27th November, and (Sunday) 27th December.

There are also rehearsal sessions, to which new ukulele players are always welcome, also at Wistaston Memorial Hall, on the third Tuesday of every month throughout the year. The 2015 rehearsal sessions start at 7:30pm and take place on 20th January, 17th February, 17th March, 21st April, 19th May, 16th June, 21st July, 18th August, 15th September, 20th October, 17th November, 15th December.

Society Founder Brian Edge said, "I encourage anyone to attend one of our Concerts or rehearsal sessions which take place throughout the year. You will be made to feel most welcome. Feel free to bring a friend along with you; you are sure to have a pleasant surprise

For further enquires please contact Brian Edge on 01270 569836 or email parauke@supanet.com

Jonathan White

Report from Wistaston Church Lane Academy

Cracking Christmas Plays : This year's Christmas plays were a HUGE success! All the pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 performed a play called '1914: A Christmas Truce' to commemorate 100 years since The Great War. Other pupils also performed plays - years 2 and 3 performed 'Gold, Frankincense and Mirth'; this play was also AMAZING! Finally Foundation and year 1 performed 'A Little Bird Told ME'; the songs were really catchy! All the plays were amazing and we enjoyed performing and watching them; let us hope next year's are just as good!

Shakespeare Day : This year's World Book Day was themed around Shakespeare and his plays! Everybody came to school dressed in characters from Shakespearian plays, even the teachers dressed up! We took part in various activities including Shakespearian English and Maths lessons. In the afternoon all KS2 came into the hall for a fancy dress competition. A boy and a girl from each Year were judged to have the best fancy dress costumes, and won a World Book Day Book! We had a really good time!

Super swimming : Years 4 and 5 went swimming for an outstanding 10 weeks! Year 5 go in the first term and consequently the year 4s go later in the year. When we do go it's fun and interesting; we use and develop lots of our skills like diving and most importantly lifesaving! Although the one time Mr Prince came with us to see our swimming, the coach broke down, making us late for lunch!

Spelling Bee!

This academic year Wistaston Church Lane Academy had our first ever Spelling Bee competition. First we had an in-class competition. The winners of this went through in pairs to compete against others in their year group; in Boggle, anagrams and other word related activities. It became quite nerve-wracking as the final round approached. The winners from each Year received a trophy!

Guide dogs blind trail

Earlier this year we completed a sponsored Guide dog obstacle course to raise money for the Guide Dog Charity. A great cause- that we decided to sponsor this year! We had to work as a team, one person blind-folded whilst the other led them around the Woodland area. It was challenging leading them safely through hoops, around poles, and even trying to kick a football! We had a FANTASTIC time, we all hope to do it again, and we raised £1,500 for the charity. Thank you Guide dogs for visiting us!

Intriguing Trips

This year KS2 have had a variety of trips. Year 3 have been to Chester Zoo which they said was AMAZING! The Year 4s went to Wrexham to find out about the Celts and then to Chester to discover about the Romans. In Year 5 we have been into Nantwich to better understand the Tudors, and last week we went to the National Space Centre to investigate further into our Space Topic! It was EPIC! Year 6 have been to Eden Camp, which they found interesting when studying WW2, and some of them are off to France soon to improve their French! And may even taste Frogs Legs!!

Art Extravaganza : Our school are also looking forward to having an art gallery this week for the first time ever! Years 1, 3 and 5 Art Work will be displayed and framed for parents and grandparents to buy! This Art Work was created during an amazing art day each class had with the specialist Art Teacher!!

Written by Libby Foden, Olivia Perry, Corin Heath and Alexandra Wilson-Davies, Year 5.

Wistaston Young Drama Group

The junior group performed *Jack and the Beanstalk* using physical theatre to tell the story. The photograph shows Jack and Jill sitting in the shadow of the Giant.

The senior group presented *The Sleeping Beauty*, with stunning performances by all.

Wistaston Young Drama Group, based in the Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston provide drama activities for children aged 6 - 18. 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.

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For further information regarding the classes contact Margaret 01270 668233 or Judy 01270 650341, or by email wydg@hotmail.co.uk

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2. Twice, 1961 and 1973.
3. Johannesburg.
4. Somerset, Worcestershire and Durham.
5. Wilfred Rhodes 6. Viv Richards

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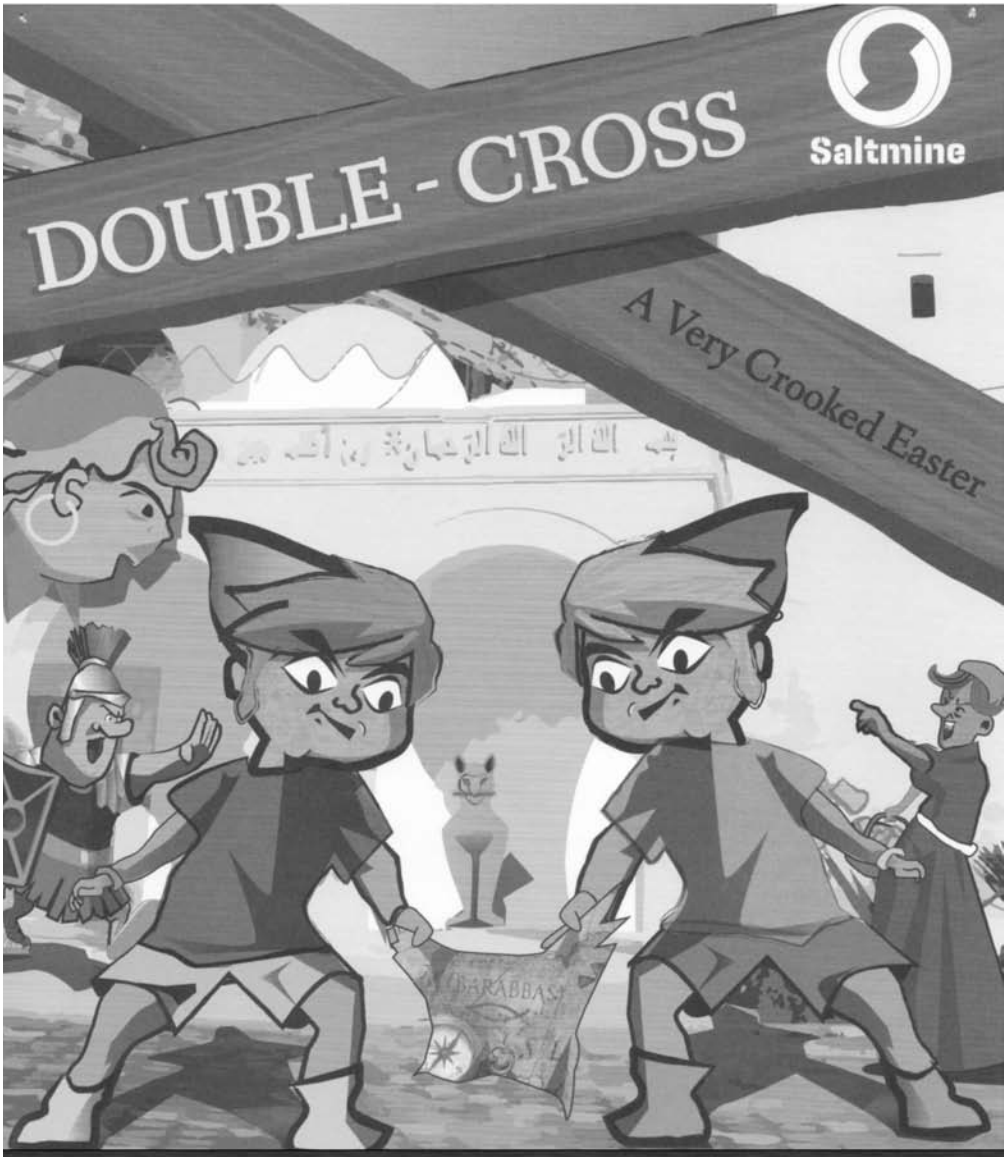


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