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Editorial :

With very many thanks to everyone for the continued splendid support you give to Roundabout, in whatever capacity, for without your input it would 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 continue to support our events and send in your articles, photographs etc. for our Autumn edition, due out in early September, by the 15 July.

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Wistaston Community Council's
Annual Village Fete - Saturday 20 June 2015
Theme of the Fete – Colours of the Rainbow

1.30 The Piper leads the Rose Queen's Procession from the Memorial Hall to the School.
1.45–1.50 The Piper leads the Rose Queen into the Arena at the School.
1.50–2.00 Rose Queen, Rachel Astbury, is crowned by the Rector, Mike Turnbull.

Wistonian of the Year, Gwyneth Brown opens the Fete.

Judging of the Fancy Dress by Gwyneth Brown and Eileen Bamber

Arena Events

2.15-2.35	Wistaston Scout Group
2.40-2.55	Scottish Dancers
3.00-3.05	Laurie Twiss Award presented by Gwyneth, Wistonian of the Year
3.10-3.30	Hartford Gymnastics Display Team
3.35-3.55	The Alison Gallacher School of Dance
4.00-4.20	Liberty Morris Dance Group

In the School Hall there will be a Café where the following will entertain.

2.15-2.35	Church Lane Primary School Choir
2.45-3.05	Irish Dancers
3.15-3.25	The Funky Choir

Please note the times are approximate.

Come and enjoy the fun of the Fete – don't forget the Children's Fancy Dress Competition. There will be a Tombola, many other Stalls to tempt you, many Games to play and there will be a Thomas the Tank Engine to take you on a little journey round the field.
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Wistaston Parish Council – Chairman's Report

1. ELECTIONS

I am pleased to report all of your current Councillors were re-elected. One additional new Councillor Mr. Thomas Kilkenny was also elected to serve Wistaston Green Ward. We still have vacancies in this ward and interested residents should first contact our Clerk in writing with a brief résumé.

2. WOODLAND VANDALISM

A resident recently reported extensive damage to trees and side hedges alongside Joey the Swan main pathway close to Wistaston Green Road car park. Although outside our woodland boundary, arrangements have been made with our volunteer Conservation Group to tidy the area.

3. SOLAR SPEED SIGNS

We are in the process of installing our first sign, however, Cheshire East have installed signs in a selection of areas. Two have been erected in Church Lane, several along Crewe Road and one in Rope Lane (Rope Parish area). The Council will review our location options at our May meeting.

4. NANTWICH MUSEUM

Following an introduction by Nick Dyer, Chairman Board of Trustees of Nantwich Museum, the Council have proposed an exhibition on the history of Wistaston which has been agreed. Ideally we would like residents to join a small team to collate pictures/notes for this. There is no fixed timetable but 2016 would be a sensible target date. Anyone interested should first contact our Clerk.

5. LITTER PICKING TEAM

Following a positive response we have an established volunteer group of 4 residents. Basic equipment, hi-viz vests and gloves are being provided. The Council will also include this group on our general insurance for volunteers. If any other residents are interested we can set up additional teams. Please contact our Clerk.

6. SPEEDWATCH

We still want to set up a resident team for speed camera duties. Training and clothing would be provided with the support of our local Police Officers. Interested residents should first contact our Clerk.

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings at 7.30 p.m. at Wistaston Memorial. Next meetings are on 18th June 2015 and 16th July 2015.

Cllr. J. Moore
Chairman

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Wistaston in Bloom

With summer approaching all is now ready for planting out the village flower beds as soon as the chance of frost is over which in these parts usually means the 1st June. The village has once more been entered into the North West in Bloom competition and I would urge residents to have their front gardens looking at their best for mid-July when judging normally takes place.

Roger Woodward
Secretary
Wistaston in Bloom

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Dear Editor

On behalf of Poppy Designs last year's donations, I have just sent off my cheque to our local branch of Cancer Research and wanted to thank you all for your continued support. We've now managed to raise a total of £4,571.12p since we started making our cards. I'm delighted with this, especially as we had to miss the Wistaston Fete last year due to ill health!

Hopefully we shall be at the 2015 Fete and look forward to seeing you there. We'll have a good selection of greetings cards and notelets and can maybe persuade you to stock up for those 'panic' moments!

Thank you again – we couldn't do it without you and we're most appreciative.

Regards

Sheila Oakes ,

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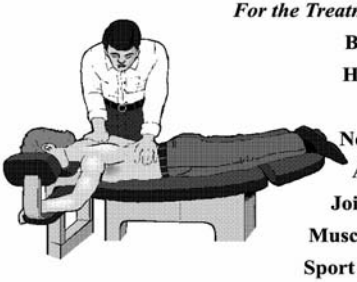
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WISTASTON SPORTS & LEISURE ASSOCIATION ON THE MOVE : MAKING PROGRESS ON THE PAVILION EXTENSION AT THE ERIC SWAN SPORTS GROUND.

In the Spring issue of Roundabout I reported that we had all the funding in place for our Pavilion extension. I can now report that we have gone through the tendering process, obtained a firm price within our budget and appointed a contractor. Work will start at the end of May and we hope to see completion sometime in September.

During the build the contractor will have a secure compound on the carpark which will restrict the car parking availability, but the carpark will not be closed completely as was wrongly reported at the end of the Spring Roundabout report. The compound will enclose the main entrance door and so access to the social room and toilets will temporarily be via the fire door on the gable end of the building.

Apart from access arrangements the room itself will not be affected until the end of June. During July and August the room will still be usable in the evenings and at weekends but it will be made slightly smaller by the erection of a dust screen across the room about six feet from the current window wall which is to be removed as part of the changes. The cricketers and the Bridge Club will be the main people affected during this period.

It's always been part of our plan that some of the work will be done by volunteers. We are committed to doing the internal decoration, fitting out the new kitchen and designing and building a new patio outside. It's going to be hard work but in some ways it will be the ultimate satisfaction to have actually done some of the physical work as well as the planning and the fund raising. That is what I am telling the team anyway. I think they believe me.

My thanks once again to our funders and to our project team who have been quite magnificent.

I will give another report in the September Roundabout when hopefully we shall have some details of the official opening. Meanwhile if any users of our facilities or indeed any resident for whatever reason has any query about our plans or about the build itself, which will have started when you read this, please feel free to give me a ring on 01270 569844.



Ray Westwood
Association Treasurer



Wistaston's 2015 Fete

This year the Fete will be held on the School field - quite a departure from past years when we have been delighted to hold the Fete in the Rectory Garden. The Community Council are very conscious of the thanks that have been due to the Revd Mike and Mrs Sarah Turnbull for the use of their garden over the years and also this year to Mr Graham Prince and his staff for the use of the School field and the school's facilities.
The Community Council holds many events over the year to raise funds so that we may help individuals or groups where a small donation would assist their local efforts and make a difference, like Persephone Galanis who writes in this Roundabout about her volunteer trip to Columbia.
Why not come and join us to help plan and arrange these events. We meet on the third Monday every month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. We are a really friendly group!

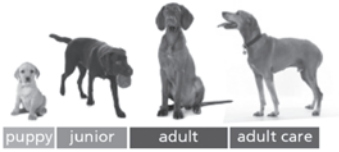
Laurie Twiss Award

The Laurie Twiss Award for 2015 will be awarded at this Summer's Fete and now is the time to think about putting in an entry for next year's award. You can choose the topic and whether it is fact or fiction.
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Persephone Galanis who has received sponsorship from the Wistaston Community Council in order to carry out a month's voluntary work in Colombia gives below her first impressions on arriving there:

It was quite a strange experience coming to Bogota having read what I had about the city and Colombia in general: that Bogota had the worst public transport system in the world for women, the prevelance of muggings and pickpocketing, how fifteen years ago the country was essentially a no go zone. Apprehension was perhaps my prevailing emotion as I stepped off the plane, and whilst I still haven't completely shaken off that feeling, I've warmed to this very crazy place.

It feels like Bogota is trying very hard to get people to like it. Reading most tourist guides about Colombia, they will tell you that the security situation has improved dramatically and as the tourist board proclaims "The only risk is wanting to stay". It's true that as the world's most bio-diverse country on the planet, Colombia possesses natural beauty that is unrivalled (and I hope that I'll get to visit most of it) and it reflects itself in the warmth of the people. However, there is still a dark undertone that affects Colombia and Bogota

I've found Colombians, especially of the generation of my host family parents, to be particularly paranoid and anxious for my safety. On my first trip on the public transport system, the Transmilenio, I was told not to talk to anyone so no one would know I was a foreigner. This is easier said than done as Colombians stare at me because I stick out like a sore thumb, being fair and often being half a head taller than even the men. I can stare over all the heads on the bus on a morning straight through to the driver's window. We have been told many times to be careful; don't carry large amounts of cash; don't use your smartphone in public; don't take taxis off the street. A lot of it is common sense, and if I keep aware, my stay should be trouble free.

The first couple of weeks were a gentle introduction to Colombia. We had a 3 day camp in a 'finca' essentially a holiday home outside of the city where rich Colombians can escape the pollution and noise. The camp gave us volunteers the chance to bond with each other and get to know some more about the realities of volunteering in Colombia.

Back in Bogota, there were 30 hours of Spanish lessons spread over 9 days and various activities organised by ICYE around Bogota. I guess you could say that this was our opportunity to do the 'touristy' part. The historical centre of Bogota, 'La Candelaria' is the prettiest part of town. It has mostly cobbled streets with colonial style buildings and is where the Presidential palace is located. Right up at the top of the mountain, Monserrate, the monastery and constant watchman of Bogota is located. It's a gruelling hike up to the top, but once you get up there the views of the sprawling city are immense. I like the way that at night, it is illuminated in a wonderfully camp purple. Amongst the other cultural activities in the city, I've visited the artisans market at Usaqen, ridden down the ciclovia (a great part of life in Bogota where certain major roads are closed off to cars and the people of the city stream onto them on their bikes, rollerblades, scooters to exercise/mince down the roads- Sundays are perhaps my favourite day in Bogota). This weekend, I went to Zapaquira, where the famous Salt Cathedral is. It is what it says on the tin; a large religious structure built into the existing salt mine. Whilst it is mostly frequented by tourists, the cavernous, dark alcoves and passages make for a surreal experience. It's a shame the photos don't quite capture the true atmosphere of the place.

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Persephone Galanis
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Last week I started working, the reason I'm here. My volunteering project is Corporacion Social Servimos, a community development project that works in the neighbourhood of Ricaurte. They have a public library, a kindergarten, a house for girls who are at risk at home, a night shelter for elderly people and they run various courses. Ricaurte is a poor neighbourhood. My first week was based in the library.

In the mornings there isn't much to do so I get to study Spanish and then in the afternoons some children come in from the local school and I help them with their homework. They come in everyday when school finishes at 12.30pm and just get on with whatever work they have to.

They're a great bunch of kids and I enjoy working with them. This week I had the opportunity to work in the shelter. Work started at 5.30pm and I finished at 6am. Again I enjoyed the work for the most part and I think it was something of a novelty for the service users to have me there.

Continued next time

Historic centre of Bogota:

La Candelaria on the right and the Presidential Palace below





Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

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 18th April,** in **The Cheshire Alliance.**

Our **First Eleven** participating in **Division 1** visited **Stretton 1st XI and lost by 50 runs. Stretton 224 a.o., (Mike Kingdom took 5-67 for Wistaston), Wistaston 174 a.o. For Wistaston, Jack Stokes made 39.**

The **Second Eleven** hosted **Kerridge 1st XI** at The Brittles in **Division 3,** and recorded a victory by **4 wickets. Kerridge 82 (a.o), Philip Cunningham taking 5-25 and Josh Allwood returning figures of 3-28. Wistaston 83 – 6.**

In **The Cheshire County Cricket League, Division 1 Central** our **Sunday 3rd XI** begin their season visiting **Alderley Edge CC 3rd XI** on **Sunday 3rd May .**

Our **Women's First Eleven** opened their season at home, hosting **Oakmere C.C. 1st XI** at **The Brittles on Sunday 19th April, losing by 7 wkts.** Electing to bat first the home side mustered **92-8 off their 40 overs,** in reply **Oakmere** reached their target of **93 runs in 27.3 overs losing just 3 wickets.**

Our junior teams (9's, 11's and 13's) will be playing in the **South Cheshire Junior Cricket League , their respective seasons commencing as we go to press.**

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 a St Patrick's Night Society Evening on 20 March which was very well attended with all proceeds being channelled into the cricket club. Further similar theme evenings are scheduled for the future – watch this space.

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 to search for players for the current cricket season not only to promote but to 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 18th September 2015.**

We offer cricket to adults and junior of all standards and we are proud on being very much a child friendly club and have been re-credited with the **E.C.B Club Mark**

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2. **Which county have won the championship most times?**
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4. **Which England captain was the first Test outfielder to take 100 catches?**
5. **Which county did Jack Hobbs play for?**
6. **Broad Half Penny Down known as "the cradle of cricket" is in which county?**

Answers on page 28

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Wells Green Friends
Meet at Wells Green Church at 7.30pm

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy our 2015 programme on the following Fridays:

29 May	Talk by David and Robert Smith on their recent trip to Uganda.
26 June	Talk about Dementia by Catherine Mills
31 July	Walk to the Rising Sun
28 August	Something you Treasure
25 September	Line Dancing
30 October	Afternoon Tea
27 November	Christmas Party

If you would like any further information please contact Susan Smith on 01270 663236

Report from Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club

At the moment of this report we are enjoying the beautiful April weather with record number of members determined to make the most of the wonderful sunshine.

The WJTC have entered three men's teams for the South and Mid Cheshire Tennis League so we wish them good luck for the season. Coaching should be available during the school holidays (summer) and more details can be obtained by phoning Membership Secretary and Treasurer, Bill Heath on 01270 560471.

The aims of the WJTC have always been to manage, maintain and improve facilities available for the game of tennis and to provide an atmosphere conducive to competition and recreation for the benefit of all members.

During the past year we have had several members reaching a significant BIG 'O' birthday which is always a good reason for celebrating these special events. The most recent one being Hazel, a popular member of the club for many years. We had the usual cake and bubbly and *knowing Hazel's interest in cooking* presented her with her own 'Chef's Outfit' which we had to record on photographs of the occasion with a group of club members.

Looking forward to another season of excellent tennis and friendship.

Alice Chalwin



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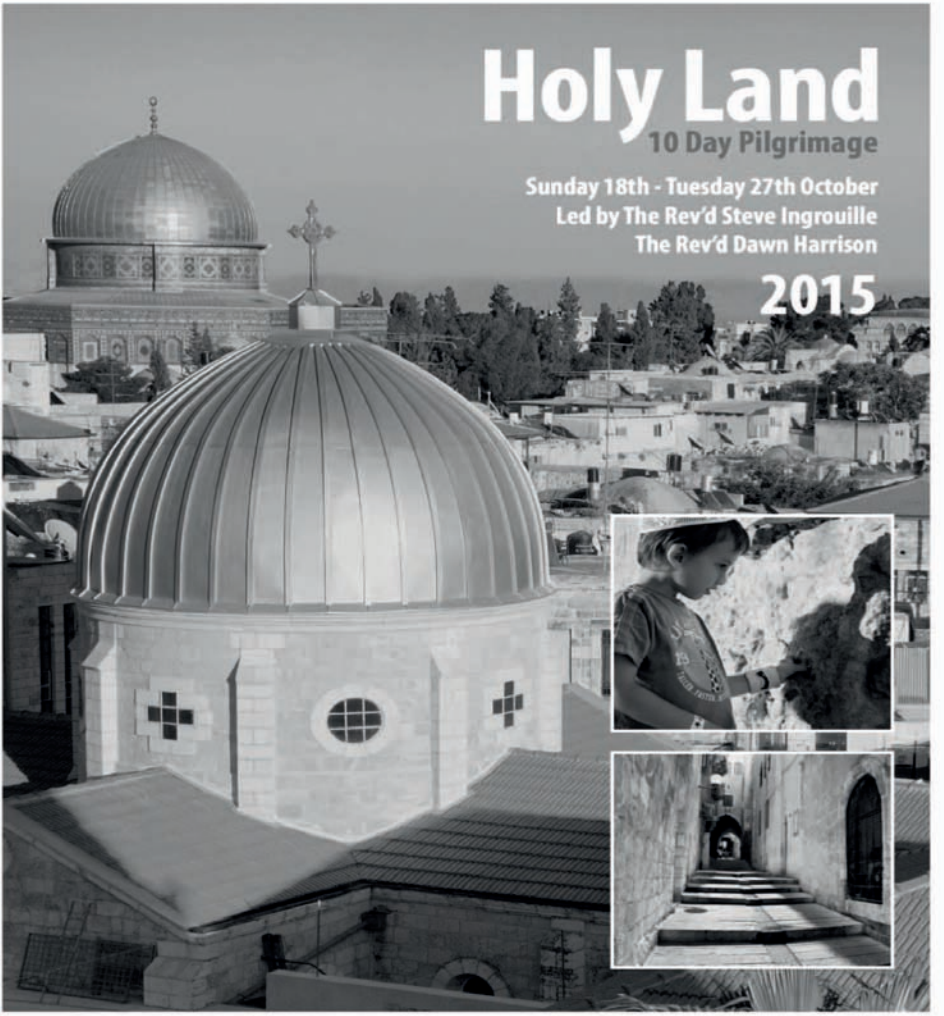
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Nature article for Summer Roundabout, Issue 138

Blue tits, one of the earliest species of bird to hunt for nest-sites in the year, have been singing in our garden since January, with house sparrows in February carrying straws into the nest-box terrace attached to our garage. Although sociable birds sparrows have never been known to use more than one of the three holes in the season. Our first frog activity was noticed 26 Feb, one set of hind legs and rear end moving through the weed well down in the pond; spawn greeting us on return from a weekend away, on Tuesday, 3 March, only a few days earlier than last year's. Mick and Helen Pierce of Sandylands Park, who have faithfully kept records since 2002, have recorded a spawning date in 2015 of 7 March. Looking back over the years their earliest date is 23.2 (2012) and latest 16.3 (2004 & 5).

January brought a sequence of great spotted woodpecker sightings, the bird drawn to the fat-block in preference to all other feeders. It has come to be recognised, even at the back of the tree, by its upright posture, its slimline build and its knack of bouncing to us from cover in a sweeping glide, folding penknife-like in between transient wing-beats. Their favourite habitat is close woodland with a good mix of mature deciduous trees offering heavy trunks and limbs, including decaying branches. The bird tends to move upwards on a tree, the signal of its presence a repeated staccato 'tchack'. Its drumming is for a mate or indication of territory bounds. The 'great spot's' exceptionally long tongue cannot fit comfortably in the floor of the mouth and, when not in use for probing deeply into tree-holes for grubs, lies in a tube winding from the lower jaw, beneath the ears and up the back of the head! Sometimes we're glad to be human.

In February Joyce Rawlings was delighted by two redwings at the Barony in Nantwich. That beats ours - a small scattered flock as far away as Leycett that same month. Joyce's own garden was described as 'quiet' at that time. A song thrush was heard mid Feb. in the region of the allotments at Jackson's Corner - a bit late since the notes were previously voiced in Jan.

On 9 March Steve Wilson sent us a picture of a kingfisher taken from his bedroom window in Nessina Grove, overlooking Wells Green brook. It is good to know our watercourses are clean enough still to support food for these iridescent little darts.

It's been strange, but fun, to see a lone rook, that most sociable of birds, frequent our tree on a regular basis, attracted to fat-balls. The glossy black, the shaggy 'baggy breeches' effect of the thigh feathers, and the greyish patch at base of sharp and ugly bill, amalgamate to transform this bird into an evil yet awesome sight. A pair of long-absent crows has made one welcome appearance. We love to watch the corvid family as they are so intelligent.

4th April and our first peacock butterfly, albeit a ragged one, and first brimstone 9th. 12th and a chiffchaff singing close by in Sandylands Park. A curious winter which seemed not quite to arrive. March and we were still waiting. April and maybe it's passed us by this year. Proof of the unpredictability of our weather.



Our thanks to all contributors.

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Wistaston Conservation Group

During the last few months our hard working team of volunteers have been kept busy with some of the more mundane tasks, mainly path and stream clearing but we have had some opposition.
It is very annoying when we have spent a whole morning clearing some of the local streams of timber etc to find that within two days most of the debris has been thrown back in, seemingly with a view to damming the stream and causing flooding of the surroundings.
I don't suppose those involved will read this nor would change their attitude even if they did but if you see this vandalism please let us know so that we can try to make these people understand why we are doing what we do for the good of everyone, including those who live in this great village of Wistaston.

Path clearing

Most of our recent work has been clearing the local paths of leaves, debris etc and we have now completed our work on the paths in Woodside Covert, Old Covert, Rookery Bank Covert and Hinging Bank Covert and as I write this we are tidying up the main paths across the recreation grounds from Wistaston Green Road carpark through to Joey-the-Swan. Unfortunately these jobs are annual but now that we have a good turnout weekly are not as onerous as previously.

Joey-the-Swan Pond

The majority of work on this project is complete except for the path around the pond for which we need a lot more wood chippings in order to finish.
We have had a lot of compliments on the work we have done in this area and it is our hope that many Wistaston residents will enjoy what we have achieved.
It has been suggested that the new pond should have a name. If you can think of a suitable name please let me have your ideas along with your name and contact details. The winning name will win a bottle of either red or white wine, the winners choice.

Himalayan Balsam control

Our next major task is continuing our battle against Himalayan Balsam. In the Joey-the-Swan area due to our work over the last few years we are winning with only a small amount of the invasive weed in evidence but down stream in the Field Lane area and across Wistaston Green Road we have still a lot to do to keep control.
Unfortunately we are not allowed to cut this species on the left bank of the Wistaston brook as it is on private land and so the seeds from these areas are taken down stream and are not concerned with which side of the stream they re-colonise, making our job that much more difficult.

Come and see us

We will again have our stall at the Village Fete on Saturday 20 June so please come along to see what we are up to or to discuss conservation issues. Along with information we will also have a wide selection of plants on sale, photographs of local issues, bird boxes etc. If you would like to join us on a Monday morning at 09.30 you would be most welcome for a chat about the group or even a coffee at 11.00. Details are on our website at www.wistastonconservationgroup.org.uk

John M Wood
Chairman

Fund-raising tennis activity for Comic Relief reported by Jonathan White

Teenager George Raiswell from Wistaston has once again organised a fund-raising activity at Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club, Church Lane, Wistaston. Last year the Shavington High School pupil organised a 12 hour 'Tennisathon' for Sport Relief and this year on Saturday 14th March he organised a 'Wistaston Red Nose Day' tennis tournament for Comic Relief http://www.comicrelief.com/ .
George arranged the round-robin format event in which players paid a donation to play against each other. The two players who had won the most games went through to a final to win a trophy. George reached the final, but was beaten 6-4 by Ollie Cox. George's mother, Julie, made cakes which were sold on the day. In total £60 was raised for Comic Relief which funds projects in the UK and worldwide.



George said that he would like to thank everyone who supported the event and his mum for baking the cakes. It was all for a very worthy Cause.

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Wistaston Young Drama Group

Wistaston Young Drama Group were invited to perform a small presentation during the Holly Holy Day Celebrations in Nantwich. A group of the children, dressed as plough witches are pictured as part of the performance of King George and the Evil Knights.
The children then accompanied Ezra around the town stopping to entertain audiences. It was a fabulous day and the children enjoyed the experience. We have already been invited to participate in 2016.

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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Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre
Chairman's Report

During 2014 the nineteen trustees on the Management Committee **completed several improvements** to the hall:

Modernisation of the disabled toilet, by Barton Property Services, for £2,528.39.

Heating improvements – 18 new radiators and 4 new thermostats - by RWA Plumbing for £4,695.

New line marking on the car park by ASH Road Markings Ltd for £777.60.

A new notice-board at the front of the main hall for £200.

The **plans for 2015** include:

External decorations of the hall by Jason Wild for £1,253.88 - to be completed in August. The Wistaston Parish Council granted £500 and the Rope Parish Council granted £200 towards this project.

Possible modernisation of the kitchen.

The **hall is used regularly** by over thirty groups and organisations. The three rooms may be hired from the **Booking Officer, Bill Heath** who can be contacted on 01270 560471. During 2014 six events were organised by the Management Committee raising a total of £1,851.

Events planned for 2015 are:

Saturday 5 September – the annual Duck Race and Children's Model Boat Race on the Joey the Swan Recreation Ground. To book a stall contact Glenys White, Tel: 01270 661484. The Duck Race will be sponsored by the Wistaston Community Council and the Crewe Movie Makers.

Sunday 8 November - 3pm. The Service of Remembrance at which a tribute will be given to Lieutenant Ronald Arthur HULSE, 91st Regiment, Royal Artillery, who perished on 17 June l944 aged 29 years and is buried in Egypt. He had attended the Nantwich & Acton Grammar School. Any information on Lieutenant Hulse would be welcome – please phone me on 01270 661484.

The **Annual Hall Quiz** and seasonal **Concert** will be arranged.

The Memorial Hall was officially opened on **29 March 1949** in memory of the sixteen men from Wistaston who died in the Second World War.

John C White
Chairman
Tel: 01270 661484

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Answers to cricket questions on page 17.

1. Sunil Gavasker; 2. Yorkshire; 3.Yorkshire and Leicestershire;

4. Wally Hammond; 5. Surrey; 6. Hampshire

Wistaston, Church Lane School's Report
Written by Ruby, Isobel, Isabel, Lily, Olivia, Lucy and typed by Aaron

Keystrings: In April everyone was ecstatic because of one amazing visit – Keystrings! That means one hour of very enthusiastic people teaching us about music in the most exciting way imaginable! Keystrings started with the soaring sound of the violins. They taught us about musical terms, the way music sets the tone for many films. Keystrings made Miss Wright laugh so much that she blushed! We were all inspired by what we learned. We hope they can come next year!

Church Lane's Got Talent: Church Lane's Got Talent is a biennial event, as it only happens every two years. Each year group held their own auditions and the children got to vote for the three acts they wanted to get through to the finals. At the finals the parents watch and the School Council get to be Simon Cowell and judge the acts. Who will be the winners, only time will tell...?

Red Shift Radio: During April and May 2015 pupils from Year 5 were chosen to become radio DJs and they presented five radio shows on Red Shift Radio. Each child chose a topic to focus on such as football, films/books, mobile games and summer activities. They learnt how to use the computer, control the mikes, present the show and even met the proper hosts. A big thank you to Red Shift Radio for letting our children take part in this great experience.

York Residential: In April Year 4 went on their residential visit to York and had a brilliant time. They went to: Jorvik, Clifford's Tower, DIG, York Minster, National Railway Museum, they went on a boat trip and spent their money in The Shambles. They even got a McFlurry! They all said they had a truly amazing time and would definitely recommend it for the Year 3 children next year.

The Manor Adventure: Year 5 experienced a fantastic jam-packed three days at The Manor Adventure (despite the bitter weather). Year 5 enjoyed a range of exciting activities: rifle shooting, archery, high ropes, canoeing and kayaking, abseiling, climbing, fencing and caving. They all enjoyed their two night adventure and are looking forward to France in year six.

Delamere Residential:

In a fun-filled packed two day retreat to Delamere Forest Year 3 enjoyed a variety of activities including: den building, orienteering, building hammocks and much, much more! The children had lots of fun on their midnight walk where they explored the pitch black forest by torch light!

Many children got muddy and wet, however it was an excellent trip and everyone enjoyed it.



Wistaston's 33rd Annual Flower and Produce Show Saturday 15 August 2015

Now the seed merchants' catalogues are dropping through people's letter boxes it is time to display the schedule for 2015's show so that exhibitors can decide what classes to enter. The Show Committee wish you all well and hope to see a heap of entries .

Section 1 - Flower Classes

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

Section 2 - Vegetable Classes

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

Section 3 - Wistaston Parish Vegetable Display

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

Section 4 - Flower Arrangements

48. 'My Fair Lady' A Decorated Hat: Beginners: 30cms max. First Year in Show.
49. 'Timeless Beauty' Dried Material: max. width 46cms
50. 'Singing in the Rain' to include water: max. width 46cms.
51. 'Cocktail for One' - Petite - 25cms overall

Section 5 : Harvest Basket

52. A Basket Containing Fruit, Flowers & Produce: not to exceed 46cms in width & length; height not restricted.

Section 6 : Children's Classes

53. Pre-school year - To be decided.
54. Year 1 Children) To be decided by Church Lane
55. Year 5 Children) School in June

Section 7 - House Craft Classes

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

Section 8 - Hobby Crafts

70. A Cross Stitch Picture 15cm x 20cm maximum.
71. A Painting. Own original work: A4 Size max: Unframed.

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For 2015 it is agreed that people who work in Wistaston or are first year Domestic Science students at Dane Bank College or are plot holders on either of the Willaston or Wistaston Allotments and all members of Wistaston U3A Groups may enter the show.

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

The Committee would like to thank The Peacock Nurseries, The Fireplace Warehouse and Wistaston Gardeners Society for their support again in 2014.

Gwyneth Brown, President *Bernard Moores*, Hon. Secretary

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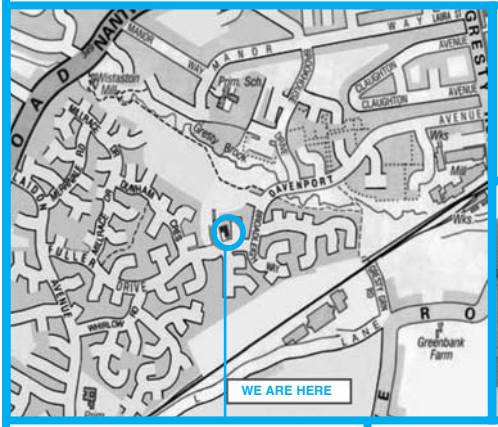
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