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Not the usual mode of transport for Rose Queens but at the Village Fete Rachel and Emma showed their thanks to Pochin's for enabling the Rose Queen Procession to go ahead. Our photo shows Wistaston Community Council's Chairman, Dane Chaplow and David Price Community Council member and Pochin's contact with Rose Queens Emma and Rachel and their attendants Emily and Chelsea

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EDITORIAL FOR AUTUMN 2016

With very many thanks to everyone for the continued splendid support you give to Roundabout in whatever capacity, for without your contributions and advertisements it would not exist and without our deliverers it wouldn't get to you! The Wistaston Community Council is also very appreciative of the support you give to all the events organised over the year. Please send in your articles, photographs etc for our Winter edition, due out in early December, by 15 October. See page 6 for Dates for your Diary.

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The Summer Fete was organised this year with the kind support of Wistaston Church Lane Academy and is the main fund raising event of the year. The Community Council is very conscious of the thanks due to everyone involved in its success especially Mr Bancroft and the Governors of the School, the Revd Mike for crowning the Rose Queen, John White and Ken Sambrook for their superb Masters of Ceremonies and lovely Rose Queens - Emma Horne and Rachel Astbury, retiring, who has worked so hard raising money for her chosen charity. We send Emma good wishes for her year ahead. Our thanks this year also go to **Pochin Construction of Middlewich** who were delighted to help out and ensure the traditional parade went ahead. As a family business they like to support the communities in which they work and in which their staff live. When they were approached by a member of staff after the fireworks parade had to be cancelled they considered how they could help with future events. This involved sponsoring the training of the event volunteers needed to hold the parade and they very kindly helped out with the loan of a van and traffic management equipment for the day of the Fete. The Community Council are therefore indebted to Pochins for their efforts to ensure the Fete Parade took place.

The Flower and Produce Show followed in August, also organised by the Community Council. This will be reported in the Winter edition.

Wistaston Community Council's Annual Village Fireworks Display
Saturday 5 November 2016.

Our annual village fireworks display starts with the judging of the traditional Fancy Dress and Pumpkin competitions at 5.45 on Park Drive at the corner of Church Lane. The torchlight procession (please bring your own torches) leaves at 6pm to the Brittles for the Firework Display at 6.30pm. The Scouts will provide burgers, hot dogs, hot and cold drinks.

We would like to thank Wistaston Parish Council who have kindly provided their support to allow this event to go ahead. Entry is by donation and all profits will go to a charity. We look forward to seeing you there.



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Wistaston Parish Council - Chairman's Report

1. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE www.wistaston-np.org.uk

Our steering group have made significant progress in our preparation work during the last 5 months. These include:-

- Application for our 2nd stage grant support in the sum of £3,105 was approved.
- The website is operational
- Six major polices are complete in 1st Draft
- The Cheshire East Housing needs assessment is complete
- Our Natural Environmental Report from Cheshire Wildlife Trust is complete

Our initiative to raise awareness and consult with residents following our new signs and open discussion at the Village Fete was all positive and new offers of help and support has been received.

Part of our programme as advised by the Examiner has to include consultation with Developers and Land Owners. We will shortly be holding invite sessions to hear their views. By October/November we plan to have our completed First Draft brochure ready for Cheshire East Council Statutory Regulation14 Consultation. Subject to approval we will be issuing a summary report with our next Roundabout Edition.

2. ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We have received recent reports of significant numbers congregating on our Recreation Area at Joey the Swan during late evenings with fires and large quantities of litter being left. We would request resident support to report incidents immediately to the Police (999) to prevent serious accidents and damage to our woodlands.

3. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

We have one vacancy available for the Wistaston Green Ward. Interested residents should first contact our Clerk in writing with a brief résumé.

4. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings at 7.30 p.m. at Wistaston Memorial. Next meetings are on 15th September, 20th October and 17th November 2016.

Cllr. J. Moore Chairman

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Dates for your Diary of Wistaston Events for 2016

Saturday 3 September	**Annual Duck Race : Boat Race 2.30: Duck Race 3.15**
Tuesday 25 October	**Memorial Hall Quiz: 7.30pm**
Saturday 5 November	**Firework Display: See page 3 for times.**
Sunday 13 November	**Remembrance Service: 3pm**
Friday 9 December	**Christmas Concert : 7pm**

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Sunday 16th October - The Good Lie

Sunday 20th November - Bridge of Spies

Sunday 11th December - The Truman Show

Friday 23 December - Finding Nemo

Sunday 15th January - Guess Who's Coming To Dinner

Sunday 19th February - Brooklyn

Sunday 19th March – Suffragette

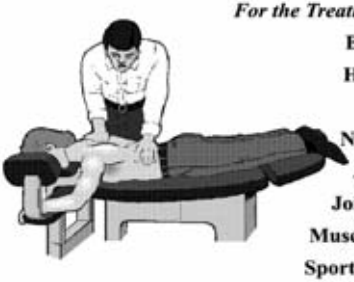
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Answers to the Just for Fun – Cricket Teasers on page 13.

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Wistaston Village Cricket Club
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By the time this latest editorial finds its way through your letterbox, the **2016** campaign will be coming to the end of what hopefully will be a successful season. At the time of producing this latest tome **(late July)** the **First XI** has so far had an excellent campaign and if the momentum can be maintained, could, realistically be champions of their division when the season finishes in September.
With thirteen matches played, they are in pole position, eleven points ahead of their nearest challengers **Cholmondeley** who they incidentally meet away in their next match. The result could be crucial in their **2016** campaign.

Division 1

Team	*P*	*W*	*D*	*L*	*Ab'd*	*NR*	Conc Pts	*Pts*
Wistaston	13	7	1	2	3	0		214
Cholmondeley	13	6	1	2	4	0		203
Audlem	13	6	2	1	4	0		197
Maritime	13	5	2	2	4	0		192
Westminster Park	13	5	1	4	3	0		188
Holmes Chapel	13	6	0	5	2	0		185
Pott Shrigley	13	4	2	2	5	0		169
Glazebury	13	5	0	4	4	0		162
The Groves	13	2	2	6	3	0		131
TranmereVictoria	13	1	2	9	1	0		128
Winsford	13	1	2	6	4	0		123
Saughall	13	2	1	7	3	0		119

Our **Second XI** competing in **Division B East of the Cheshire Cricket League,** have not had the best of seasons at going to press, however with some nine matches remaining, they hope to improve on a disappointing season.

Our Third XI (Sunday) participating in the **Division I Central in the Cheshire County Cricket League,** are currently in the bottom three, having gained **62 points** from the **eight** fixtures that they have played.

Our ladies cricket team **(The Swans)** are currently playing their cricket in **Division1/2 of the Cheshire Women's Cricket League,** where they are more than holding their own currently in fourth position.

Team	p	w	l	c	a	lcn	wcn	t	BatP	BowlP	Pen	NRR	Pts
Chester BH	7	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	1.09	162
Oakmere CC	9	3	4	0	2	0	0	0	23	18	0	0.9	132
StockportT.	6	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	11	1	0	1.45	120
Wistaston V.	7	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	6	6	2	0.51	118
Didsbury CC	8	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	15	7	0	-0.46	105
Appleton CC	7	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	10	8	0	-0.17	101
Oxton CC	7	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	3	12	0	-0.29	98
Ashton-on-Mersey CC	6	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	19	7	0	-1.44	59
Hawarden Pk.	7	0	4	1	0	2	0	0	9	7	0	-3.25	4

The Under 9's and 11's have been competing in their respective leagues in **The South Cheshire Junior Cricket League,** enjoying their cricket with mixed success.

Under 9's

Team	p	c	a	lcn	wcn	t	1	2	3	4	w	l	BP	Pen	Pts
Aston CC,	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	34	0	46
Tattenhall	7	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	29	0	33
WistastonV	7	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	20	0	28
Crewe CC	7	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	22	0	26
Nantwich	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	25	0	25
Nantwich	6	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	15	0	23
Weston	7	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	14	0	22
Bunbury	7	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	0	13

p - Played, c - Cancelled (4), a - Abandoned (4), lcn - Team Conceded (0), wcn - Opposition Conceded (8), t - Tied (0), 1 - Pair One (1), 2 - Pair Two (1), 3 - Pair Three (1), 4 - Pair Four (1), w - Won (0), l - Lost (0), BP - Bonus Points, Pen - Penalty Points, Pts – Points

Under11's

Team	p	c	a	lcn	wcn	t	1	2	3	4	w	l	BP	Pen	Pts
Aston CC	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	48	0	56
Nantwich	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	33	0	41
Crewe CC	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	17	0	33
Tattenhall	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	14	0	30
WistastonV	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	14
Oulton Pk	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	10	0	10

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

The cricket club holds Bingo evenings every **third Friday** of each month at the **Wistaston pavilion lounge** to raise funds for the cricket club and a warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to join us. Following the summer break, Bingo evenings will re-commence on **Friday 16th September 2016 at The Brittles.** For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins (663699).**

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.

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Just for Fun – Cricket Teasers – Six of the Best

1. In which country is Eden Gardens - it's the second largest cricket ground in the world?
2. In January 2006, Andrew Flintoff was presented with Freedom of which English City?
3. Which English county did Kevin Pietersen play for between 2005 and 2010?
4. An incoming batsman must be ready to face a ball within how many minutes of the outgoing batsman being dismissed?
5. The Sheikh Zayed Stadium is in which country?
6. Which country achieved Test status in 1952?

Answers on page 8

The Glory of Nantwich Flower Festival 2016

Wistaston and District Flower Club were delighted to take part in the Flower Festival held at St Mary's Church, Nantwich 16 - 19 June 2016.

We decided to decorate our area to depict Nantwich Players who, next year, celebrate 90 years in existence. The next play to be performed was *Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare and we used this as our inspiration.



Our exhibit was the final one as visitors exited the Church. They were greeted with 'Play with Flowers' over the exit door. To the right was the enchanted forest complete with mushrooms made from wax and dragonflies. To the left was the properties store, Titania and her dressing room. A glimpse in the mirror revealed a decorated archway.

It was a fantastic experience and many thanks go to Judy Gratton, Catherine Scales, Marion Doo, Carol Campbell, Jean Jones and other members of the Flower Club who gave their time to support the Flower Festival.

Wistaston and District Flower Club meet on the first Wednesday of each month (except January and November) at 2.30 at the Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston. We have a professional demonstrator to entertain us and new members and visitors are always welcome. In addition we also run workshops and outings.



For further information please contact Catherine Scales 01270 841641 or Judy Gratton 01270 650341.

Report from Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club

Although Summer maybe not as we would have hoped it hasn't stopped increasing numbers of members turning up for every session at WJTC.

In the South and Mid Cheshire League the A Team of Wistaston were champions of the Third Division having only lost one match during the season. Consequently they will be promoted to the Second Division next year and we congratulate them for this well deserved reward. See page 20.

Also the 'B' team maintained their position in Division Four and the Club will enter three teams starting late September.

On the 29 June this year a ceremony took place at the University of Chester for the Presentation of Awards to British Servicemen for their involvement in the Liberation of France in World War II. There were 13 recipients, including Ernie Chalwin from Wistaston, an ex member of WJTC, and, surrounded by their proud families they each received the Insignia of Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur, the highest and most coveted award of France, from French Consul Mme Aude Au Clair assisted by the Lord Mayor of Chester. The whole ceremony was a wonderful experience, very emotional, very thought provoking and a most memorable occasion.



All the hard work carried out by members of the WJTC to keep the grounds looking spick and span and attractive has resulted in winning, for the second year running, The Byatt Trophy for the Best Kept Community Premises 2016. Congratulations and very well done! *Alice Chalwin*

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Autumn Events at Union Street Baptist Church, Crewe, CW2 7DJ

Saturday 8 October 7.30pm Lions Youth Brass Band

Saturday 26 November, time tbc. The traditional charity fundraiser by the **Kipling Singers** including delicious food and the famous Dutch auction.

Wistaston Conservation Group

At this time of year, our Group has two major problems, firstly a lot of our willing workers are away on holiday, but the biggest problem is that everything is growing like mad, and our paths, etc. quickly disappear under weeds - yes, I know that weeds are only plants in the wrong place - and become difficult to use. This means that when we all return from travelling the world, there is a lot more work for us to get involved with. When you make a list of jobs to do, that list ought to decrease with hard work, but it just does not seem to be that way with our work in Wistaston; the list always seems to go longer with time.

Our major work recently has been the defining of a new path through Old Covert. This has been requested because too many people insist in using their own way through our woodlands, which means that the saplings which have been planted in these areas are trampled, and have little chance of growing to maturity. If these same people, who we welcome to use our woodlands, would now use the new paths, then the woodland would have a lot better chance of regeneration. The main trees in Old Covert are fairly old, and thus the saplings we are planting are the future of Old Covert, but will take many years to mature, provided they are allowed to do so. Only with help from all of us, conservation groups and users, will our woodlands survive for the benefit and recreational use of future generations. So, after all our work to designate these new paths, can I ask all the users of our fantastic woodlands to use them, and thus allow the woodlands - we have not a lot left - to continue to be a great asset to all who live in Wistaston.



Having new designated paths, and many more permanent ones, there is still a major problem for us to tackle, because the undergrowth (I will not call them weeds again) continue to grow over the paths and need to be cleared so that all our residents can have uninterrupted use of our great path system. This is a big job for our small group, which is an annual one as the growth does not stop when we have cut it back. But we will continue to try to keep all our paths in good condition for the use of all our residents. I can now confirm that all our designated woodland paths have been cleared and redefined. **Photo of Hinging Bank path**.



By the time you read this, we will have been involved in our favourite (not) pastime of Himalayan Balsam control. We are gradually winning from Joey-the-Swan to the far end of the filter beds, but the area below Field Lane continues to be a major problem due to heavy undergrowth. We will continue to do our best to control this invasive species.

One thing on our minds at present is the pond at Joey-the-Swan. Firstly, there is not enough water during the summer months coming into the pond to keep the water levels up, and recently there has been a much higher level of growth in the pond than we anticipated. We are presently considering what to do to make this a much better feature for people to enjoy.

Last time I noted that we had scattered wildflower seeds on a recently cleared area by the main path. We have had many favourable comments on this area, and look forward to a better display of self-seeded plants next year. **See photo 3.**



Looking to the future, our next major project will be tree planting. We have been given a considerable number of whips by the Forestry Commission, and some of our members have been bringing on seedlings for use in the Wistaston area. Our stall at the village fete was a great success with more plants sold, and thus more revenue raised to cover our work in the future. This is mainly thanks to Dave O'Hara who grows most of the plants for sale. I have been known to grow native species for sale, but these are nothing like as popular as the Fuchsias that Dave grows. Thanks Dave for all your efforts.

A date for your diary is the Duck Race on Saturday, September 3rd when we will again have a stall. If you are at all interested in the work our Group does, please come and say hello - we do not bite, and we may have things on view to interest you.
As usual, you would be most welcome to come and join us any Monday morning at 0930, venue can be found on our website at www.wistastonconservationgroup.org.uk, or give one of our members a ring, again contact details on the website.ps. Coffee break at 11am.

With the size of the work list as noted above, anyone who loves the natural features of Wistaston would be welcome to join us, not just those who are good with a spade, but also those with specialist knowledge such as plants, trees, fauna, etc. are just as much needed. Just line up for an interview!!
Enjoy the fantastic natural features we are privileged to have in Wistaston.
John M Wood, Chairman.

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Following on from the tales of Mr Scruffy: Survival of the weakest ……
Helen writes about the strange antics of the bird community in their garden.

With the sad disappearance of Mr Scruffy, we were not looking for a replacement but one has come along. Unfortunately this blackbird has a twisted leg and her foot is back to front. Of course we felt sorry for her and my husband 'adopted' her – protecting her at feeding times, serving her meals separately etc. However we have found she needs little protection now and has been jumping up to frighten other birds away from 'her' food rather than running towards them to frighten them away.Recently she has been spending a great deal of time 'preening' herself – for a date perhaps, or to make herself look nice for my husband as he is her supplier of food and protection. What next – perhaps we could set up a dating agency for birds! *Continued on page 20.*

Winners of the Laurie Twiss Award for 2016

The winners of the Laurie Twiss Award received their prizes at the Village Fete in June. First and winner of the Laurie Twiss Trophy was Jessica Shaw; Second was George Edge-Robinson, Third Isaac Stubbs, Lilly Doering and Chloe Brereton were Highly Commended. All winners received a Certificate, Gift Voucher and Pen. These awards are open to young people between 9 and 16 years in our area who should submit a story or article of not more than 200 words. Start writing now for 2017 – you have until next May!



More details in next edition. Below we print Jessica's prize winning entry.
The prize winners are from left to right,flanked by Barbara and Eileen from the Judging Committee, Chloe Brereton; Jessica Shaw with her Trophy; George Edge-Robinson and Isaac Stubbs. Lilly was unable to be there.
Many thanks to Concorde Trophies for their help with the Laurie Twiss Trophy.

Rachael's Metal Monstrosity! Jessica Shaw

'Twas the crack of dawn the station was empty. Everyone was still in bed, but not Rachael. She had been awakened by a loud creaking sound. Rachael dashed down the stairs still in her pyjamas! Nevertheless she grabbed Mum's coat so it covered her up then she sprinted out of the door! SSSLLLAAAMMM! Outside her bike was waiting ready to be used. She rode towards the train station which fascinated her thinking the noise had come from there. Guess what! She was right!

Now there was a lonely train in the middle of the yard. Most trains are a way of transport whereas this train could … transform! All of a sudden the train let out a mighty 'clunk' and totally transformed itself! In its place was a humungous bronze robot cat! Rachael stared in awe at this incredible sight. 'Wow' she said excitedly. She was quite reluctant at this moment; did she dare to go and see if this alien-robot-cat-thingymabob was friendly? Slowly she crept towards the huge monstrosity being careful not to alert it. Meanwhile the creature was lifting its foot up and suddenly swung round crashing it down at a terrific speed! Uh oh ….

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South & Mid Cheshire Tennis League: The Summer 2016 matches of the South & Mid Cheshire Tennis League are progressing well, with all fixtures in the men's, ladies and mixed doubles leagues due to be completed by the end of July. Local teams participating include Audlem, Hightown, Nantwich, Nantwich Farmers, Wistaston.

Wistaston A, who play in the Men's Division 3, are likely to be one of the first clubs to win promotion, as they have lost only once so far this season. Their captain is teenager George Raiswell who is a pupil at Shavington Academy. George said 'It is an honour to captain and play in the A team for my village. I hope we can continue to win many more matches this season.' See page 15 for confirmation of this.
Fixtures, results and tables are updated during the year via the League website: http://www.smctennis.co.uk



Article and superb aerial photograph by Jonathan White

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Continued from page 17 - *The Birds in Helen's garden :* On a sad note we heard a thud against our kitchen window only to find that a thrush had flown into it and was on the ground. She was obviously distressed and breathing very heavily. She couldn't move and we suspect she had broken her back or neck. My husband stroked her back gently to calm her and she rolled over and died but at least not alone! *Helen De Falco*



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Report from The Berkley Academy

On Friday 10 June all children from the Berkeley Academy celebrated the Queen's 90th Birthday. To mark the occasion all children came to school dressed in red white and blue. In the morning children played garden games ranging from croquet to quoits to bowls. At 11 o'clock with others from around the country the whole school stopped what they were doing to sing the National Anthem and to sing Happy Birthday to the Queen.
For lunch the children had a picnic on the field eating traditional English food – Fish and Chips, Hot Dogs or sandwiches - served in special Union Jack lunch boxes.

To end the day several children took part in a talent show in honour of the Queen. Children across all year groups auditioned and were able to share their talent with the whole school. 'Berkeley's Got Talent' consisted of musicians, acrobats, martial arts, dancers and lots of singing. It was fantastic to see the children sharing what they do outside school and the positive team spirit throughout the performances.

Happy Birthday Queen Elizabeth! From everyone at the Berkeley Academy.





To kick start the final half term the Berkekey Academy learnt all about the countries of South America as part of a Knowledge and Understanding of the World themed week.

Each class from EYFS to Year 6 represented one of the countries. We learnt facts and songs and created fantastic pieces of art. The children had the opportunity to visit each country around the school by swapping classes during the week.
Activities included dance, music, cooking, art and we even learnt some Spanish! The children thoroughly enjoyed the creative approach to the curriculum during the week.

As a grand finale we celebrated by hosting a South American Carnival. All children created masks and head dresses to wear and flags to wave. Each class presented their country to the whole school, showing the outstanding learning that had taken place.
Ella Howard, Class 12 said that it was a really fun week and her favourite part was making the masks because they were all decorated with bright colours and feathers and Chloe Consterdine Class 4 said that when everyone had their masks on it made it special because it was bright and loud like a real carnival.

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Nature Article

We don't receive much mention of bats, but Joyce Rawlings of Park Drive confides that she has lived thirty years here and every September till 2015 has had bats around the house at dusk. Last year there were a few around in July but not September. The date this year for an appearance was 11th April. If Joyce stands still the bats come close and she can feel the draught of their wings. Fingers crossed she is waiting till September in hope of a return.

In mid April Les Wood of Wistaston Avenue had a male redstart in his garden which provided this beautiful photograph. Needless to Say we're jealous!



Our first record of swifts, heard but not seen, was 6th May, and our only special butterfly was Brimstone on the 7th



Ian Godfrey had a pair of stock doves in his garden adjoining fields back of Church Lane: the first sighting 6 May, then regular visitors since. They were feeding close to a seed-feeder base, along with wood pigeons.

Our house sparrow terrace was taken over by bees this year so there was no nesting and we sorely missed the cheeping, but our essential insects need homes too.

There was a story from a neighbour on the Willaston allotments of a fox being chased off by a 'scruffy' cat. Anyone own up to keeping a 'scruffy' cat?

Don't be over-zealous in blaming moggies for attacking birds. A carrion crow has been observed on our lawn swooping on a wood pigeon, and although the victim escaped there was an immense scattering of feathers: even the feeding magpies curtailed their stay. We must always remember the dominance and pecking order of birds themselves.

In early June Pat Leigh of Kings Drive noticed five buzzards overhead. We share her observation that jackdaws like fat-balls and wouldn't be surprised if these corvines are the most prolific of our local birds: they seem to appear from nowhere in their droves.

On 5th June our editor's garden was subjected to an invasion of long-tailed tits, and during the hot spell in May a variety of butterflies visited both front and rear gardens: brimstone, small white, orange tip, speckled wood and two blues all logged by Gerry Rainbow. **A ringed peahen** had been present in the three weeks leading up to 18th June in grounds around the old Willaston Hall where foxes are common. It is a poor joke to suggest the bird hails from a certain hostelry down the road.

Our thanks to all contributors.

Trevor and Hilary Clowes

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CREWE MOVIE MAKERS

Crewe Movie Makers wish to congratulate 'Roundabout' on the new colour format magazine. Glossy paper and colour photographs too. We suspect that this will surely encourage even more people to make submissions with intent to publishing their works of photographic art.

In addition, we would wish to advise that the Crewe Movie Makers season will be re-opening on Tuesday 6 September at 7.30 for 8.00pm at Wistaston Memorial Hall after the summer break where we will have an informal evening of our own films to entertain followed by refreshments. We are a small and friendly group of 'film makers' who produce our own material either as a group or as individuals. The film subjects are entirely of your own choice and generally run for up to ten minutes each. We are always looking for new members with or without experience in the film genre. We would be delighted to see any new individuals both male and female. Pop along and give us a free trial – you will receive a warm welcome. For more information please call Mike Hasprey, Secretary on 01270 581555 who will provide you with the new 2016/17 season's programme which includes visiting speakers, external visits, competitions, technical evenings and visits from other film clubs. All these things to enjoy – looking forward to seeing you when the curtain goes up on opening night!

Crewe Movie Makers

Early Scouting in Wistaston

Mr Keith Collier of Milton Drive Wistaston has written to Roundabout to say that:

'in 1950 the 19th South West Cheshire Scout Group was formed with the weekly meeting being held in a Nissen hut in Woodside Avenue near the junction with what is now Woodside Lane but formerly known as Cookies Lane. The Scout Masters then were a Mr Whalley known as "Kipper Whalley" and Mr George Ashman who was a Crewe coal merchant. How do I know this? I was in those Scouts at the time. Mr Ashman took us all camping in the back of his high sided coal wagon which was great fun but I doubt if H&S would approve today.'

Many thanks Mr Collier for that – fascinating times.

Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre
Chairman's Report

When our regular hirers return after the summer break they will find several changes at the hall.

The Unisex toilet opposite to the kitchen has been refurbished in a unique way! Gareth Barton completed this improvement in July. Maureen Bellis overviewed and managed this work.
The National Grid put in a new gas supply to the hall plus a new meter in early August.
The kitchen has been completely renewed by Rob Anson's firm during two weeks in mid August. Committee members Audrey Astbury, Kathleen Conroy and Bill Heath have planned the work. Grants towards this work have been kindly given by the Wistaston and Rope Parish Councils. The proceeds from the Duck Race have also been used for this project.

We apologise for any inconvenience to groups while this work has been in progress.

Future events during 2016 include:

Saturday 3 September – Duck Race and Children's Model Boat Race sponsored by Wistonia Electrical & Security Ltd, via Nigel Huxley.
Tuesday 25 October – our Annual Hall Quiz starting at 7.30pm. Teams of four - £10 per team will be able to challenge last year's winners – Treble Chance- for the Fred Lorimer trophy. Light refreshments will be provided at 'half time'. There will be a splendid raffle.
Sunday 13 November – our Service of Remembrance starting at 3pm during which there will be a tribute to one of Wistaston's heroes who died in WW2. Captain Reginald Frederick Tucker was killed on Monday 25 September 1939 aged 35 years in France, in a motor bike accident. If a local person is able to help me with research on Captain Tucker please contact me on 01270 661484

There have been some recent problems about cars being parked on our car park, which has inconvenienced groups using the hall's facilities, including Bowling and Tennis clubs. This is not a public car park. A notice has been placed at the front of the hall which reads, **"This car park is for the users of the hall's premises only."** Please acknowledge this instruction/advice.

The hall was officially opened on Saturday 26th March 1949. The nineteen trustees manage and maintain this building in memory of Wistonians who lost their lives in conflicts around the world.
'Sons of this place, let this of you be said, That you who live are worthy of your dead. They gave their lives that you who live may reap A richer harvest ere' you fall asleep.'

John White
Chairman
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Wistaston Young Drama Group

The children have been busy writing and rehearsing two plays to be performed as an end of term showcase to parents. They have been using their creativity and improvisation skills to produce the playlets, and everyone has been involved.

After the summer break rehearsals will begin for the Christmas production, yet to be confirmed. After our fantastic production of James and the Giant Peach we are sure it will be just as fabulous!

The photographs show some of the children engaged in drama activities developing concentration and improvisation skills.



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. We are an inclusive community group.



We meet on Saturdays from 10.30am to 12.45pm Places are available. Why not give us a try? The first session is free.

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 BROWNIES



The 2nd Wistatston Brownies were thrilled to receive a thank you letter and card from the Queen in reply to the Happy 90th Birthday cards they sent to her.

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On Sunday 12th June The Alzheimer's 100 Charity Cycle Ride came into Nantwich again. The event which is organised by Darren Greatbanks and Andy Williams and their team of helpers, raises money for The Azheimer's Society, monieis raised so far in the 3 years the event has been running exceed £100.000.









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November 8th	Anne Harrison – Autumn Colour
December 13th	Christmas Party
January 10th	Zdenek Valkoun-Walker – Dorothy Clive Garden
February 14th	Geoff Maddocks - The Rose
March 14th	A.G.M. and Supper
April 10th	Jan Greenland - Herbs

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WISTASTON IN BLOOM

After twenty years as Secretary to *Wistaston in Bloom* Roger Woodward resigned the post earlier in the year and I have taken over the role. Fortunately Roger remains on the Committee and his advice and guidance will be invaluable.
The contractors were late planting the beds this year but the subsequent wet weather soon settled in the plants and with the sunnier weather that followed produced a colourful display.

New signage has been attached to all the beds and planters managed by the Committee.

Judging of Wistaston for 'Britain in Bloom North West 2016' took place on 11 July and can I extend my thanks to the voluntary litter picking group and the Conservation Group for the work carried out prior to judging?
As in previous years our own judging of residents' front gardens took place and the results for 2016 are as follows:

Wells Green Ward

1st Mr & Mrs G Cordall	474 Crewe Road
2nd Mr & Mrs J Walker	33 Freshfields
3rd Mr & Mrs A J Williams	22 Rope Lane

St Mary's Ward

1st Mr & Mrs L Perry	26 Westfield Drive
2nd Mr & Mrs E Russell	37 Nessina Grove
3rd Mr & Mrs F Turner	9 Princess Grove

Wistaston Green Ward

1st Mr & Mrs M Hide	'St Ives' Woodside Lane
2nd Mrs A Jacks	42 Elm Close
3rd Mrs M Lunt	4 Alvaston Cottages, Middlewich Road

Overall Winner Best Kept Garden – Wistaston Parish Cup
Mr & Mrs L Perry 26 Westfield Drive
The Best Hanging Basket Display – The Window Surgeon Shield
Mr & Mrs R Leeke 37 Princess Drive

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