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

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For Dates for your Diary see page 18

The next event in the Wistaston Community Council's Calendar is the Village Fete - see below for details and come and enjoy all the fun of the Fete!

Annual Village Fete

Saturday 17th June 2017
at Wistaston Church Lane Academy

1.30pm Rose Queen Procession from the Memorial Hall to Church Lane Academy
1.50pm Crowning of St. Mary's Rose Queen Jessica Doano by Rev Mike Turnbull
2.00pm Opening of the Fete by Wistonian of the Year, Mrs Margaret Moores

Judging of the Fancy Dress Parade

Bouncy Castle, Ice Cream
Charity & Trade Stalls, Games

Arena Displays

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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

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

Following the consultation period our plan has been updated to provide all the details and reports to satisfy Regulation 15. This will be approved at our June meeting then issued to Cheshire East Council. The next stages are now Cheshire East Council responsibility, including the examiners review before a further consultation stage. It is anticipated the public referendum will take place in November 2017.

2. SPEED WATCH

Our recent appeal was successful with six volunteers who have completed training. Our group is being led by Cllr. Andrew Bicknell and they are planning rotas for speed watch duties. Their role is to take speed checks and vehicle registration details and report to the Police for review. Follow on actions are the responsibility of the Police Highways Team. More members are welcome and interested residents should first contact our Clerk.

3. DOG FOULING AND CONTROL

We had very supportive responses to the flyer distributed with the last edition of Roundabout Magazine which aimed to raise awareness. The initiative was taken from other Parish Councils who had noticed a marked improvement having sent out a similar flyer. Your Council has followed Cheshire East Council guidelines to ENGAGE, EDUCATE then ENFORCE, however, despite a number of appeals the problems show little change in behaviour to pick up and dispose of bagged waste. In recent weeks our Park Ranger has conducted a clean-up programme and collected over 300 bags of discarded waste.

A small number of replies (6) raised concerns and criticisms, below is a response to the main concerns raised:-

- Dog control orders can only be implemented by Cheshire East Council and there are no orders at present on Wistaston Parish Council owned land.
- Responsibility for bin emptying is Cheshire East Council and their programme is a weekly service.
- There are currently 50 bins throughout our Parish. Joey the Swan Recreation land and adjacent area has 15 including 2 on the Children's Playground.
- The cost of the flyer was £296 which is insignificant compared to the many hours of cleaning up that has taken place.
- With regards to rat poison at Witter's Field, an in-depth Police investigation took place and there was no evidence to suggest any poisoning occurred at Witter's Field.

Following our discussion with Cheshire East Anti-Social Behaviour Team, two plans are proposed:-

- An intensive patrol over a period with Enforcement Officers
- A dog watch campaign. This will include community involvement, preparation of material and a publicity campaign before implementation. Details and timings are awaited.

Our key objective is to have a safe environment in our open space and woodland areas for all visitors to enjoy.

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 June 2017, 20th July and 21st September 2017.

Cllr. J. Moore
Chairman

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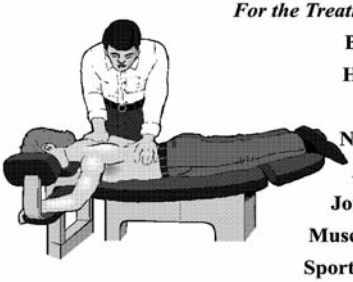
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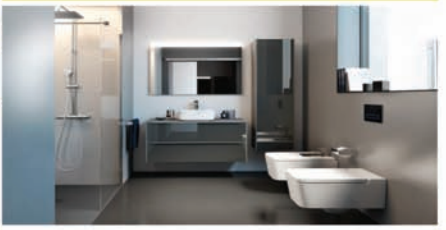
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Wistaston Village Cricket Club
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Our Ground Force week-end scheduled for the first **1st/2nd April** went ahead as planned, and thankfully the weather held to enable much needed repairs and general upkeep to the facilities at The Brittles to be completed. The cricket ground is in splendid condition a credit to all members who lent their time and effort in the customary pre-season build-up.

The season is due to commence on **Saturday 22nd April,** for our **1st XI** with a home fixture against **Wirral C.C 1st XI** and our **2nd XI** visiting **Mossley C.C. Seconds.**

In the **Cheshire Women's Cricket League** our **Women's First Eleven 'The Swans'** opened their season at **The Brittles** against **Leigh C.C. Lancashire CC 1st XI on Sunday 23rd April.**

Our **3rd XI** commence their campaign at home on **Sunday 7th May** with a home fixture against **Toft C.C. 3rd XI.**

The junior members of our cricket club also have an exciting season before them.

Follow our club's progress throughout the season on the usual links www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk/roundabout.html and www.creweguardian.co.uk/sport

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

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

Wistaston Cricket Club continues their search for players for the current season, not only to promote but further improve on the great progress achieved over past seasons. As mentioned on many occasions we offer cricket to adults and juniors of *ALL STANDARDS* therefore if you are interested in joining our cricket club please contact Kevin Jobbins:- Tel 483494 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 15th September 2017.**

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 originally awarded in May 2005**. Interested in joining W.V.C.C? Please contact **Kevin Jobbins: - Tel 483494** in the first instance.

For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins (483494).**

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Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club

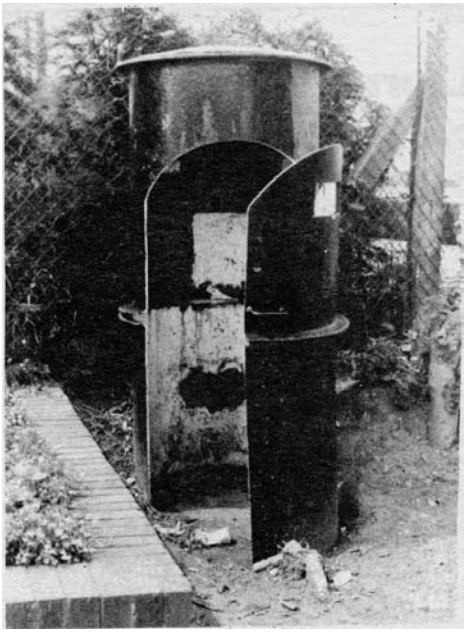
Jonathan White

Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club - Jonathan White
The two courts behind the Wistaston Memorial Hall were officially opened on Saturday 16th June 1979.
The Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council gave £6,000 and the Wistaston Parish Council gave £3,000 for the courts to be built by Broxgrove Ltd.
The official opening was performed by the Mayor of the Borough, Cyril Peake, and by the Chairman of the Wistaston Parish Council, Peter Walker.
Two hundred members paid an annual subscription of £5 for the first year.
The first officers in 1979 were:
Chairman: Frank Tew
Vice Chairman and Club Captain: John White
Secretary: John New
Treasurer: Philip Bird
Committee members: Maureen and Malcolm Bellis, Julie Bird, Elsie Ford, and Mary Simon.
Memorial Hall Representative: Fred Lorimer.
The 2017/18 subscriptions are:
Senior member - £90
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Senior Citizen - £70
Off Peak member - £20 (2pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday).
The Senior Citizens' group, who play on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, is organised by the President, Alice Chalwin.
The age range for players in the Club is 6 to 90 years. The WJTC won the Wistaston in Bloom Community Shield for its grounds and environs in 2016. There are three teams in the South & Mid Cheshire Tennis League and for further details of the Tennis Club, please contact the Treasurer and Chairman, Bill Heath Tel. 01270 560471.



WJTC members who played in a charity 'Wistaston Red Nose Day' doubles tennis tournament in March and raised over £40 for Comic Relief, which funds projects in the UK and worldwide; pictured left to right George Raiswell; Eric James, Rob Sheffield, Tony Mason.

Hamilton Fort; Dad's Army Tool Shed or what!



Who remembers the very strange contraption situated near the stile and the Bowling Club on Church Lane and pictured here. Laurie Twiss our former editor described it as an over grown tin can variously called the monument, a box, a road-man's shelter, Dads Army Tool Shed and a Hamilton Fort and its possible uses are quite unmentionable.

Mr J Darling wrote in to Roundabout and advised that it was a Hamilton Fort and is made of steel or boiler plate ¾" thick. The top is made from several 'offcuts' of steel welded to-gether before cutting into a circle and 'dished'. The door has a small peephole opening that can be closed from the inside. A Home Guard sentry could use it and he would have a good view in each direction along Church Lane. There were several of these in the Harrow area where Mr Darling grew up but they disappeared long ago.

However Laurie Twiss's Historical Correspondent discovered via the Baker family in Church Lane that this object which has also been called a derelict Dalek was used by the Home Guard in Shavington but towards the end of the war it was removed.

At this time Wistaston had a linkman or roadsweeper called Fred Faulkner who kept clean the road and verges from the Rising Sun on Middlewich Road to Jackson's Corner. This job necessitated Mr Faulkner carrying a collection of tools along his working area and a member of Crewe Borough Surveyors Department asked him if he would like this redundant Hamilton Fort in which to keep his tools. So the Hamilton Fort was removed from Shavington to Church Lane, Wistaston, fitted with a lock and became Mr Faulkner's tool shed!

There were many plans for removing the Fort from its place but where did it go and where is it now?

Wistaston Conservation Group

Not very long ago, I thought that my write-up for this issue would consist of just 2 words, STORM DORIS. There was so much damage in our area, with fallen trees blocking both footpaths and streams, that our working party spent 3 full weeks clearing up the mess. Some of the trees were very big and taxed our small group to the limit, but we succeeded and soon all the paths were clear and stream blockages removed.
Unfortunately, we were not able to remove all the debris from the site at the time, and were somewhat saddened when we found that a lot of the debris had been thrown back into the stream, requiring another full day's work to clear it all for a second time.

Hedge laying

The hedge around the old railway track, which we had previously laid, has had a number of Hawthorn whips planted to beef-up the hedge and to fill in the gaps. We have now planted a series of Rowan trees to complement the hedge. It is pleasing to see that the laid hedge is growing well, and will be a much better barrier than before.

Old Covert Path

In the last issue, I noted that we had made a new path across Old Covert, to try to protect the tree saplings we have planted in there. We have now completed the job with a layer of woodchip to improve the surface for walkers, using chippings from the trees which the Parish Council contractors had felled due to disease.

Daffodils

A recent issue showed a photograph of our team planting Daffodils along the edge of Woodside Covert, up the roadside from Joey-the -Swan towards the Woodside pub. The show of colour in late April and early May made all our work really worthwhile.



Clearing and planting

Several areas alongside our recreational paths have had a lot of attention recently with overhanging branches removed, and several areas strimmed to allow wildflowers to come through the undergrowth. The triangle near to the Rising Sun pub has again been cut back, and the show of Cowslips and other wildflowers shows how worthwhile this clearing of the undergrowth has been. An area near to the Field Lane steps, which have now been recut, has also been strimmed and a large amount of wildflower seed distributed. The benefits of this may not be evident until next year. All the path edges from Joey-the-Swan to the Wistaston Green Road car park have been cut back, tidied up and cleared.
We are in the middle of a large tree planting project, the trees kindly donated by the Forestry Commission and the Cheshire Wildlife Trust, to whom we offer our grateful thanks. When you read this, we will still have around 500 trees to plant.

Poo bags :
The problem of Poo bags seems to be getting worse, with the black bags continuing to be thrown into the undergrowth, or hung on trees, all over our area. Recently the Parish warden did a clear up, which amounted to over 240 Poo bags being collected and disposed of correctly. This is a terrible situation with volunteers having to clear up the mess. **PLEASE, EITHER DISPOSE OF YOUR BAGS IN THE BINS PROVIDED, OR TAKE THEM HOME FOR DISPOSAL.**

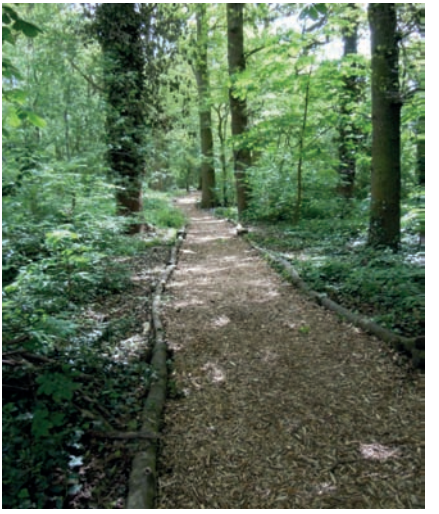
I would like to record my thanks to the whole of our working party for all the hard work they have put in, especially during the clean-up after storm Doris.



Before clean up …. and



after



As usual, if you have a conservation issue you would like to discuss with us, or you would like to consider joining our group, either contact one of our group, or come and see us any Monday morning, our whereabouts are noted on our website at www.wistastonconservationgroup.org.uk.
John M Wood, Chairman.



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Saturday 19 August - Flower and Produce Show in St Mary's Church Hall
Saturday 9 September - Village Duck Race
Friday 13 October - Crewe Movie Makers Film Entertainment
Tuesday 24 October - Annual Hall Quiz in the Memorial Hall
Saturday 4 November - Annual Fire Works
Sunday 12 November - Remembrance Service in the Memorial Hall
Thursday 23 November - Crewe Concert Band Concert - Memorial Hall
Friday 8 December - Annual Carol Concert - St Mary's Church Hall

As you can see we have an action packed Summer and Autumn ahead! We start off with the Village Fete on the 17 June at which there is something for everyone. We have the procession with our young people taking part; we have the opening of the Fete by Margaret Moores our Wistonian of the Year; we have the crowning of the Rose Queen; the judging of the Fancy Dress; we present the prizes to the Laurie Twiss Award Winners. There is lots of entertainment both in the outside Arena and in the School Hall where you can enjoy refreshments too. We are indebted to Mr Bancroft, his staff and the school governors for the use of the Church Lane Academy.

On the 19 August we hold the Flower and Produce Show where the green fingers of Wistonians can be shown to advantage together with their culinary and art and craft skills. This year enter something yourself, I might! The more entries there are the more exciting it is.

On the 9 September we hold the Village Duck Race. Buy a Duck Race ticket and come and enjoy the excitement. Anyone can win. All ducks are equal! There is also the Children's Model Boat Race in which some ingeniously made boats take part.

On 13 October Crewe Movie Makers are entertaining us with one of their splendid productions. All proceeds to the Memorial Hall. It promises to be a very good evening.

The Hall Quiz follows and the Fireworks; the Crewe Concert Band and our Annual Carol Concert all of which will be reported more fully in our Autumn Roundabout. Goodness it's nearly Christmas!
Meanwhile enjoy a lovely Summer and see you first at the Fete.

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Nature Article



Following Jan's item in the last Roundabout little egret reports take pride of place, all in 2017, as follows: from the Booths, 12.1, Wells Green Brook where passing under Crewe Road; Jessie Swan, 28.2, 1.3, stream outside kitchen window, Broughton Lane (enjoying company of ducks); Rob & Melody Ayers, 10.1, 13.1, 14.2, trees and stream bottom of Brookland Avenue garden; Peter & Lesley Heal, twice in Feb, wading up stream in Broughton Lane garden.

It is some years since an egret was spotted near the Millennium Bridge in Wistaston Green Lane. Absent from our bird-books of the '50s and '70s the bird is now not uncommon (as indeed pointed out by one of our correspondents) especially on coastal marshes, having moved northwards from the Mediterranean.

20 Jan. brought an effortless aerial display of five buzzards low over the region of St. Mary's Church. Their whirligigs seem best suited to clear blue skies when, no doubt, it is easier to seek out prey or carrion.

Despite frequent inspection of hedgerow trees, our first confirmation of wintering fieldfares was not until 21 Jan., with a pair flying over our 'Sandylands' garden. 1 Feb. brought two song thrushes in, not tolerated by blackbirds who are keen to despatch all family members from their immediate vicinity. Equally, a feisty collared dove persists in despatching a bulkier wood pigeon. Feathers fly so we mustn't be in haste to blame the much maligned moggy: Birds can do dangerous damage to their own kind. 18 and 19 Feb. saw a female bullfinch on our seed hopper: the time of year when the bird's natural food supply is scarce and the finch is known to feast on the buds of fruit-trees. 'Though shy its presence is given away by the sparklingly white rump in both sexes. Even the female is handsome in her bold but subdued greyish plumage, black head and bib.

Francis and Simon Underhill of White Hart Lane heard a woodpecker in the conservation trees behind White Hart Lane and Westfields 16.3, and, going back to November, had shy jays feeding on acorns.

An email from Mick and Helen Pierce (Sandylands Park) on 30 Jan, together with photograph, proved a waxwing was feeding on their berries. Sadly we missed the spectacle which might have drawn in twitchers from far and wide. At least our neighbours were spared the inconvenience of providing refreshments!

A rummaging around in our pond on 19 February was a prequel to the emergency of frogspawn on the 21st two weeks earlier than last year. Our friendly

rivals, the above-mentioned Mick and Helen, have beaten us this year, with spawn on the 19th February. At least their dollop was no bigger than our own! Further communications from the Pierces, however, suggest that their frogs have never been so active in making babies.

Grey squirrels are greyer in winter than in summer during which season their back adopts a brownish tinge, leading in some instances to people mistaking them for 'reds'. The habit 'greys' have of chasing each other round trees is still a mystery according to our books. It might be a chasing off of rival males or a mating caper. Whatever it may signify, seeing it in operation looks like mere fun.
To end on an insect, our first butterfly was a small tortoiseshell on 27 March.

Our thanks to all contributors.

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Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre
Chairman's Report

Our Memorial Hall continues to flourish, with only a few spaces in the weekly programme available to hirers. Please contact our **Booking Officer, Bill Heath -Tel: 01270 560471 -** to make a booking.

At the hall's **Annual General Meeting** held on **Thursday 30th March**, the following officers were elected:
President – John Cooke
Vice Presidents – Norman Bentley and Glenys White
Chairman – John White
Vice Chairman and Treasurer – Maureen Bellis
Booking Officer – Bill Heath
Minuting Secretary – Glenys White
Nineteen trustees were appointed.
The Business Plan Organiser became Diane Edge-Robinson, who replaced her father Brian Edge who died on 2nd December 2016.
The new kitchen is much admired. The cloakrooms and entrance hall have recently been decorated and the floors resurfaced. A defibrillator is being considered.

Future plans include:

Friday 13th October – an evening of film entertainment with the Crewe Movie Makers, curtain up at 7:30pm. Tickets @ £5 per person will include refreshments. There will be a raffle.

Tuesday 24th October – the **Annual Hall Quiz** starting at 7:30pm with quiz makers Peter and Christina Wainwright. Teams of four @ £10 per team for the Fred Lorimer trophy. Last year's champions, 'Four in a Corner' will be defending their past success.

Sunday 12th November – the **Service of Remembrance** at the hall, starting at 3pm. A tribute will be given to **Lance Sergeant George Powell**, who died on 27th May 1940 aged 21 years. Any information about this Wistaston hero would be appreciated. The collection will be given to the Royal British Legion.

Thursday 23rd November – a seasonal **concert** by the Crewe Concert Band, entrance fee £6.

The annual **Duck Race** and Children's Model Boat Race will be on **Saturday 9th September**, organised by a local committee.

The **nineteen trustees** on the Hall's Management committee form a dedicated, hard-working and enthusiastic **team** who manage and maintain the hall, built in 1949 in memory of the sixteen Wistonians who perished in WW2.

John White
Chairman
Tel: 01270 661484

Wistaston Young Drama Group

The children presented their end of year production of *The Witches* at the Memorial Hall in February. The production made use of both the stage and floor area and everyone was spellbound as the witches were turned into mice! The photograph shows Grandmama talking to Boy and Bruno who have been turned into mice by The Grand High Witch.



The older group are preparing to take part in the Youth Drama Festival at Nantwich Players in May.

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. The sessions start with drama games and activities. 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

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Answers to Cricket Teasers: - 1 Wally Hammond. 2. *2008.* 3. Andy Roberts 4. South Africa (They did not appear in the previous editions because of apartheid) 5. Hampshire. 6. Hampshire.

Annual Duck Race and Children's Model Boat Race

Wistaston's Annual Duck Race and Children's Model Boat Race plus charity stalls takes place on Saturday 9th September 2017 at the Joey the Swan recreation ground, Wistaston.

Stalls open from 1pm
Children's Model Boat Race starts at 2:30pm
Duck Race starts at 3:15pm.

Duck Race tickets on sale now - £1 each.

Duck Race prizes:
- **First placed duck = £100**
- **Second placed duck = £50**
- **Third placed duck = £25**

The prizes for the Children's Model Boat Race (maximum length of boat is 25cm)
Are:
- **First place = £10**
- **Second place = £8**
- **Third place = £6**

Also a competition for the best designed boat – prizes £10, £8, £6.

Watch out for updates on our website
wistastoncommunity.co.uk
or Facebook page
Wistaston Community News and Events @wistaston

Check at the Fete or contact Roundabout for further Information.





The Berkeley Academy

Enquiry Week 2017

We had a fantastic Enquiry week. Throughout the week all the children took part in various scientific experiments and workshops. On Friday we dressed up as 'Mad Scientists' and we finished the week with an assembly celebrating all that we had learnt. Thank you to everyone who donated £2 towards the costs of the week. We hope that we can continue to provide such exciting and beneficial experiences for all the children. More pictures of our Enquiry week can be found on our website www.theberkeleycheshire.co.uk

My favourite thing was making slime with my buddy in year 2.
Charlie, Class 12

We watched a volcano erupt in the science dome.
Scarlett, Class 7

I loved it when scientist Peter made elephant toothpaste.
Mason, Class 5

We made a lava lamp with lots of bubbles it was called a chemical reaction.
Charlotte, Class 3



Headteacher: Carolyn Brown BA(Hons) NPQH

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News from Wells Green

Dear friends,

Work is about to commence at Wells Green Methodist Church! Building work to be precise. We are very much aware that people cannot see into the church from the pavement and the road, and cannot see in through our doors either. It was never a deliberate decision to make the building 'enclosed' as it currently is. I think it was just the available designs at the time of building/refurbishment. So what are we going to be doing? We are replacing the front wooden doors with uPVC with clear glass. We are replacing the frosted glass windows in the entrance hall/porch with plain glass so that we can see out and people can see in. We are also replacing the windows in the church hall (metal framed with single glazing will be replaced with energy efficient uPVC windows). At the same time insulation will be added to the wall these windows are on in the hall - to try to be good stewards of creation, by maintaining good and efficient heating in the building.

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the building of the church sanctuary and we are celebrating God's work amongst us and within the community throughout the year. If you would like to join our celebrations, save the date of Saturday 30th September. We are planning a family friendly fun morning, followed by a lunch for all, and a Concert in the afternoon. Everyone would be most welcome.

If there are extra things you feel Wells Green Methodist Church could be involved in to serve the community, please do contact me with your suggestions - revdenise@btinternet.com. Please take a look at the website for the Methodists in the Rope Green Mission Area to see what we are up to:
www.ropegreenmethodists.org
May God bless each one of you, and our whole community,
Revd Den Harding
Minister of Wells Green Methodist Church

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St John Willaston Methodist Church; Wells Green Methodist Church

In this edition **Matt Astbury** begins his narrative on his experiences in Cambodia.

Reflections on my expedition to Cambodia - the Country

Last summer, I embarked on a once in a lifetime journey. I spent four weeks living and working amongst the people of Cambodia. The main focus of my trip was to help improve conditions in rural areas by supporting community projects which included teaching English to schoolchildren and building work on local amenities.



During my time in Cambodia I had the opportunity to explore the country itself and gain insight into its history. Cambodia has a traumatic past. In the 1970's the country was under the rule of Pol Pot. With his leadership, the Khemr Rouge led the systematic genocide of anyone he saw as a threat to his ideology. This resulted in the population of Cambodia being cut by around 2/3 from 1970-80. The impact of this regime is still visible in modern day Cambodia; from the mass poverty to the imbalance in the population with 68% under 30. During my time there, I visited the memorial to this time - S21 - which was a truly harrowing but eye-opening experience.



The country itself is incredibly beautiful. I was able to take in some of the breath-taking views during a four-day trek through the Kulen national park. One of the most memorable moments for me was sitting atop a mountain in the complete darkness watching lightning. Due to the lack of any light pollution I was able to see this storm from miles away, so much so I didn't hear a single thunder clap making it incredibly surreal. On the first night, we slept atop a mountain in hammocks, as amazing as this was none of us had expected it to be so cold! I have very fond memories of these experiences.

During the trip, we had the chance to explore some of the temples scattered across the landscape. The grandest of them all was at Angkor Wat, the centrepiece of Cambodia's former capital city. In order to try and catch the sunrise behind the temple, we got up at 4am. As well as the temples themselves, Angkor Wat is home to lots of free-roaming animals including monkeys. It also gave us the opportunity to ride on an elephant around the Bayon temple. *See over*

Cambodia is an incredible country with a traumatic history, I feel very lucky to have been able to spend time there. I have fantastic memories from my trip which will stay with me forever. Cambodia will always have a special place in my heart. *Matt Astbury*



To be continued – read Matt's next episode in the September edition.

Just for Fun – Cricket teasers :
Six of the Best

1. Who has scored most runs for England in an Ashes series?
2. In which year was the first IPL tournament played?
3. Which West Indian fast bowler was known as 'Hit Man'?
4. Which team featured for the first time in the 1992, cricket World Cup.
5. For which First Class Cricketing County did Barry Richards and Gordon Greenidge play.
6. Which First Class Cricketing County won the Championship in 1961 and 1973?

Answers on page 23

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Wistaston's 35th Annual Flower and Produce Show Saturday 19 August 2017

As seed merchants' catalogues drop through people's letter boxes it's time to display the schedule for 2017's show so that exhibitors can decide which 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. A Single Geranium Head in a vase.
10. Six French Marigolds, any variety or varieties.
11. A Shallow Bowl of Floating Flower Heads - arranged for effect.
12. A Vase of Mixed Flowers - home grown
13. A Cactus.
14. A Geranium in a Pot - with saucer.
15. A Begonia in a Pot - with saucer.
16. A Flowering Plant in a Pot - with saucer - excluding plants from Class 21.
17. A Foliage Plant in a Pot - with saucer.
18. Six Fuchsia heads on a board.
19. A Fuchsia in a a 9cms Pot - with saucer - any variety.
20. Alpine Garden - 25cm x 25cm maximum

Section 2 - Vegetable Classes.

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

Section 3 - Wistaston Parish Vegetable Display

42. A Collection of Five Different Classes of Vegetables.
43. A Single Pot of Three Different Herbs.

Section 4 - Flower Arrangements

44. Hat for Ascot.
45. Disney
46. A Day at the Seaside
47. By the Light of the Silvery Moon

Section 5 : Harvest Basket

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

Section 6 : Children's Classes

49. Pre-School - My Favourite Flower.
50. Year 1 Children - Fabric Flower
51. Year 3 Children - Healthy Fair Trade Plate
52. Year 5 Children - Church Lane Academy to confirm.

Section 7 - House Craft Classes

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

Section 8 - Hobby Crafts

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

Parish Council Photographic Competition

Class 1. A typical Snapshot.
Class 2. A Cardboard Framed Enlargement.

Prize money for the Photographic Competition to be £5, £3 and £2 in both classes.
Entries to be with the Show Secretary by 11 August 2017.

All entries for this competition are free.

For 2017 it is again 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.

Gwyneth Brown, President

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