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Saturday 16 June from 1pm

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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! 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 Autumn edition, due out in early September, by 15 July.

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For **Dates for your Diary see page 15.**

Wistaston Village Fete

Saturday 16th June 2018

1.30pm Rose Queen Procession from the Memorial Hall to Church Lane Academy

1.50pm Crowning of St. Mary's Rose Queen Poppy Bellingham by Rev Mike Turnbull

2.00pm Opening of the Fete by Wistonian of the Year, Mr Ray Westwood

Judging of the Fancy Dress Parade

Bouncy Castle, Ice Cream
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Shavington Village Voice
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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

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- Data will be retained for a maximum of 2 years.
- Data held by our Clerk will be stored in a secure place.
- A privacy notice is available to any person who contacts the Parish Council.
- Data will not be shared to any 3rd party without express permission of the data subject.

2. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER (PCSO)

After a considerable period of campaigning I am pleased to confirm that Wistaston has a ward PCSO Nigel Hobbs. He will operate throughout the Parish and has outlined his specific action plans to cover:-

- Identifying nuisance behaviour and dealing with them
- Use of enforceable speed guns
- Issue warning letters to speeding drivers
- High visibility patrolling in problem areas to tackle anti-social behaviour and deter and disrupt drug dealing
- Address parking issues raised by residents.

A programme of beat surgery meetings are arranged in the Howe Room of St. Mary's Church Hall, details of dates and times can be found on our noticeboards. Residents can sign up to receive alerts from Cheshire Police and follow Cheshire Police on Facebook and Twitter via:-

www.cheshirepolicealerts.co.uk
www.facebook.com/wistastonpolice
www.twitter.com/

3. JOEY THE SWAN FITNESS AND WELL-BEING PROJECT

Investigation has been progressed by the Resident / Councillor Team and the latest thoughts are to include:-

- A "Parkour" range of exercise units in one area
- A selection of individual units in separate groups
- An outdoor table tennis table, close to our existing children's playground

Anyone interested with views or help can contact Helen Gould email: helen.gould@btconnect.com

4. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings at 7.30 p.m. at Wistaston Memorial. Next meetings are on 21st June 2018, 19th July 2018 and 20th September 2018 (No meeting in August due to recess)

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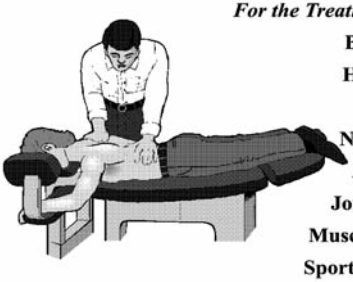
This year our **Garden Party**, on Wednesday 11 July, will be held at **St Mary's Church Hall & Lawn,** Church Lane, Wistaston from 7 - 9pm in the presence of the **Mayor and the Wistaston Rose Queen.**

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Wistaston Scout Group

A 2018 Wistaston calendar raised £712.97 for the Wistaston Scout Group. The calendar was the idea of Ellie Newbrook, who is a Young Leader at the Wistaston Scout Group. Ellie collated several photographs from Jonathan White and Simon J Newbury featuring scenes of Wistaston through the seasons. Ellie skilfully edited them into the 2018 Wistaston calendar.

Further funds were raised at St Mary's Church Hall in Wistaston via a fashion show and 'An evening with Steve Leonard' from Leonard Brothers Veterinary Centre event.

All proceeds have gone towards completing Wistaston Scout Group's new Scout Centre off Elm Close in Wistaston, so that the next and future generations can experience everything that scouting has to offer. The facility is used by 35th South West Cheshire (Wistaston) Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, along with an Explorers (14-18 year olds) group.

Jo Bowkett, Secretary, Wistaston Scout Group said: "We are so proud of Ellie Newbrook and what she has achieved in producing such a lovely calendar of Wistaston and raising money for the Group. We have been very fortunate to have the support of our local community and businesses both for the calendar and for our fundraising events. We look forward to being able to celebrate the Group's 60th anniversary this year in our brand new Scout Centre."

For further information relating to the Wistaston Scout Group, please email John Bennett (Group Scout Leader): Gsl@wistastonscoutgroup.org.uk or visit: http://wistastonscoutgroup.org.uk/

Many thanks to Jonathan White, Wistaston for the above article and photograph.



Wistaston Village Cricket Club
(Founded 1980)

Our Ground Force week-end scheduled for the beginning of **April** went ahead as planned, and thankfully despite periods of poor weather much needed repairs and general upkeep to the facilities at **The Brittles** were 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 commenced on **Saturday 21st April,** for our **1st XI** with a home fixture against local rivals **Audlem** in the **UK East Cheshire Cricket League Division 4.** After a **2017** campaign that really did not produce the success normally expected, **Wistaston** will be looking forward to a positive start on which to build, what I am certain, will be a fruitful **2018.**

Meanwhile our **2nd XI** competing in the same cricketing league but in **Division 'C' South** would have to wait another week before commencing their **2018** campaign with a home fixture against **Mossley C.C. Seconds.** Under the captaincy of **Sam Sargeant,** they will undoubtedly be aiming for another successful season that will mirror the splendid efforts of **2017.**

In the **Cheshire Women's Cricket League Division 1/2** our **Women's First Eleven** '**The Swans'** who during **2018** will be led by **Morganne Prince** opened their season at **The Brittles** against **Appleton CC Cheshire XI on Sunday 22rd April.** Having enjoyed an excellent **2017** season, '**The Swans'** are more than up to the challenges of the new season.

Our **3rd XI** led by **Mark Bourne**, commence their campaign with a fixture in **The Hassell Trophy** on **Sunday 22nd April** away against **Wedgewood CC 4th XI in The Stone and District Sunday Cricket League Division B (North).**

Finally and equally important, Ned Townsend, will be leading our **Mid-week XI** in the **Crewe and Nantwich Mid-Week League** and I am sure that a successful season beckons.

<u>The junior members of our cricket club</u>

Again during **2018, The Cheshire Junior Cricket League** will have the benefit of seeing our **Under 9's and 13's** participating for honours and I am certain an exciting season lies before them. It is important to remember that these youngsters are the future of our cricket club.

Opening fixtures for **2018:-**

Under 9's (Home) vs Tattenhall CC - Monday 30th April.
Cup Matches (Group 3) Congleton and Tattenhall.

Under 11's (Away) vs Oulton Park CC - Monday 30th April.
Cup Matches (Group 4) Nantwich and Sandbach.

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

On **Sunday 27th May,** the cricket club held their annual **President's Day** when the weather was in the main kind to us and the celebrations which included the usual range of refreshments and cricketing displays were extremely appreciated by all who attended.

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 cricket season, not only to promote but further improve on the great progress achieved over past seasons. As mentioned on many occasions we offer cricket to adults and juniors of *ALL STANDARDS;* therefore if you are interested in joining our cricket club please contact Kevin Jobbins:- Tel 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.

We offer cricket to adults and juniors 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. 483494** in the first instance.

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

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STOP PRESS:- Australian cricketers have introduced a new winter pastime when playing cricket in the snow……it's called SLEDGING!!!!

Just for Fun – Cricket Teasers – Six of the Best

1. Which king declared cricket illegal in 1477?
2. What connects the badges of Hampshire, Yorkshire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire and Lancashire?
3. Name the five Test centres of New Zealand.
4. On which ground are the Grace Gates situated?
5. Which are the five Test centres in the West Indies?
6. Where is the Warner Stand?

Answers on page 29

Wistaston Church Lane Academy - **Report from year Fives**

Residentials

At Wistaston Church Lane Academy you get lots of exciting opportunities to go on residentials. In **year three**, the children visit Delamere. They stay over for one night and do lots of fun things, for example; play games, den making, orienteering and go on a midnight walk (it's not really at midnight though just in the evening) In **year four**, the children go to York for two nights. Every evening you play games before you go to bed. Whilst there you walk for miles but it's lots of fun and you have the chance to see many famous landmarks. In **year five**, the children visit Whitemoor Lakes –an outdoor adventure centre – where they have the opportunity to take part in activities such as; canoeing, zip wire, abseiling, raft building and archery. In **year six**, the children go to London for two nights. Whilst in London, they get up to lots of exciting things! On one day they go and watch the musical **Matilda** and on another day they visit **Harry Potter World.**

Primary College

Primary College is a two day event. You go to South Cheshire College and take part in activities that you one day might do for a job. For example; hair dressing, beauty (make-up), drama, dance, building and lots more! At lunch, you sit in the cafeteria and eat food whilst chatting to friends and listening to music. As you can see this is an amazing opportunity and **year five** will really enjoy this.

End of year assemblies

End of year assemblies are very successful and emotional. In the duration of an end of year assembly it shows how much progress the children have made over the year and shows parents what the children have been doing in school. **Year six** end of year assemblies are always really emotional and they often make children and parents cry. **Year five** assemblies – my year – because you aren't leaving the school, instead they are a celebration of everything we have achieved in the year.

Wistonia

Wistonia is a fun event that happens every year and it's when children experience something new. Some of the courses that are running this year are: **cooking**, **fun with wool, musical theatre, Malbank Movies, flower arranging** and many more!

Sports Day

During sports day the children have the opportunity to take part in three activities and here are a few that you can choose from: **– running, bean bag, sack race and sprint**. You compete in your favourite event and try to win points for your house team. On the special day you will get into your house teams (**Peckferton, Beeston, Cholmondeley and Mow Cop)** and cheer on your team mates. If you come first, second or third you get a sticker!

Crewe Wistaston Green Townswomen's Guild Programme for 2018/19

Meetings take place at 10.30am on the first Thursday of each month at St Marks Church Hall, Bramhall Road,Wistaston Green, Crewe

June 7th Nantwich Players: Past, Present and Future.
Sandi and Margaret : Competition – Theatre Programme

July 5th Bodyshop Talk and Sampling : Stephanie Doorbar
Competition – Decorative Mirror

August 2nd – Audio Visual Presentation
Phil Colclough : Competition – Holiday Photograph

September 6th – Social Morning : Competition – Small Homemade Cake

October 4th – Staffordshire Hoards 1831 – 2016 : Steve Booth
Competition – Favourite Piece of Jewellery

November 1st – Red Shift Radio : Liz Southall
Competition – Small Radio

December 6th – Forever Angels UK : Val Litheow
Competition – Collection of the above

January 3rd 2019 – New Year Party
Competition – Mystery

February 7th - Hobbies Morning

March 7th – AGM : Fish and Chip Lunch
Competition – Decorated Hard Boiled Egg

Dates for your Diary - **2018**



Saturday 16 June - Wistaston Village Fete from 1 pm
Friday 22 June 7.30 at Wells Green Methodist Church
A Musical Evening: Donations to Springfield School,
Saturday 18 August - Flower and Produce Show, Church Hall.

Saturday 8 September - Model Boat and Duck Race

Tuesday 23 October - Memorial Hall Quiz 7.30pm
Sunday 11 November - Service of Remembrance 3pm.

Friday 7 December - Christmas Concert

Wistaston Conservation Group

Over the last few weeks the bad weather of our long winter relented, and we have been able to achieve a lot, thanks to our hard working, and often very muddy, team.

Normally we have several projects on the go, but recently we have only had two, but both were very big jobs;

1. Recreation Ground edges

For some considerable time, the edges of the recreation ground, and particularly behind the football pitch goal posts, have been left to their own devices and have become very overgrown. Several trees have been so neglected as to be growing almost horizontally in order to try to find light to grow.

We have now completed the task of clearing these areas, cutting back the dense undergrowth to allow wildflowers and saplings to have a chance of growing. Some of the bigger trees have been coppiced so that, as has been the case in other areas of our woodlands that we have cleared, they can now start to regrow from the base, with more chance of growing upwards, with good light conditions.

All the timber cut down has been used to make natural hedges.

We have also noted any paths which are in regular use and have improved them where necessary.



Photos show before and after the work.



2. **Wetland area**

As most of you who walk the path across the recreation ground will know, there is a natural wetland area where the water runs down the valley from the housing estate around the Beech Drive area. This area was beginning to increase in size, and in wet times was starting to be in a position to flood over the path in places.

It was agreed that to improve this situation, and also to make a more interesting amenity, the area should be made into a pond, and planted up with wetland plants.

By the time you read this article, we should have completed the digging of the pond, and the planting. However, there is more work to do, as we hope to create a seat and table from the large log which was left by the contractors from an earlier tree clearance, and which will hopefully be the focal point of the island behind the new pond for all to enjoy.
As I write this article the fantastic weather has now meant that our new pond has almost completely dried up, but I am sure that this situation will be rectified by "summer rains". **Photos show before and after the work.**





3. Wildflowers

In the last issue I noted that we had planted a whole series of bulbs in various areas around Wistaston.
Up Valley Road, towards the Woodside, we have had a superb display of daffodils, but the area around the information board at Joey-the-Swan has not been a success. We plan to replant this area to improve the visual appeal for next year.
Next time you see our working party slaving away on a Monday morning, I hope that you will notice our new personal protective equipment (PPE) in use. We now have new reflective jackets, with the Group name on, and new head protection for when we are clearing branches, etc. We are by no means a professional Group, but we hope to look more professional, and safer, in the future.
As usual, if you have any conservation issues to discuss, or have any ideas for improving the natural features of Wistaston, either contact one of our Group, or come along and meet us on a Monday morning. We meet at 0930, with a coffee break about 1100, so if you time it right you may be in time for a free cup of coffee and a biscuit.
Where we meet is normally noted on our website at
www.wistastonconservationgroup.org.uk
John M Wood,
Chairman

‘An evening of Magic, Music And Mirth’ variety concert took place on the evening of Saturday 12th May 2018 at the **Wistaston Memorial Hall** on Church Lane in Wistaston, organised by Diane Edge-Robinson and Colin Wood. This was live entertainment at its best with so many memorable acts.

Richard Batty was the Master of Ceremonies. The programme included Richard Batty on ukulele and performing a monologue, a series of sketches, Des Redfern on mandolin, Arthur Newton on accordion, Adrian the magician, **see below.** David Clewes on harmonica, and singer Margaret Moran from Manchester.

The raffle was organised by **Glenys White and Meurig Jones and raised £112.**

The interval refreshments were organised by **Audrey Astbury**.

The event was filmed by the **Crewe Movie Makers.**

Eighty enthusiastic people were in the audience who joined in the finale of a rousing ‘We’ll Meet Again’.

Over £450 was raised in total with all proceeds going to the decoration of Wistaston Memorial Hall’s interior.

The Hall’s Chairman of the Management Committee, **John White**, thanked all those who had participated in making this concert a social and financial success with a wonderful community atmosphere. A standing ovation was given to Richard Batty for keeping the programme together in such a professional manner.
Thank you to Jonathan White for the write-up and photographs



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Is when it's full of birds.
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Often hopping on the floor
And I dare not breathe too loudly, lest
He decides to go next door.
There are blue tits, great tits, coal tits;
So small and yet so proud,
All wait in line to pick up bits,
Pushing in is not allowed.
And then there comes a tiny bird,
Almost too fast to see,
The long-tailed tit is never heard
As he darts around the tree.
A goldfinch has stopped briefly by;
He's finally come around.
I'm unsuccessful as I try
To lure him to the ground.
There are chaffinch, bullfinch, green-finch,
Plus magpies full of grace,
Who ensure that no-one will inch
Ahead, to take their place.
The pigeons sit upon the bush
Then I have to look again,
For there beneath is a song-thrush
A blackbird, or a wren.
A mistle-thrush lands in the snow
Then to my great delight,
Just after I have watched him go
A fieldfare takes flight.
Starlings, house and tree sparrows
Make such a perfect team.
Starlings drop the food like arrows
To the ground, where sparrows seem
To wait, and gather up the crumbs
Many as they can find
And they must think the starling comes
From a family which is kind.
There's a crow, or he may be a rook
And perhaps jackdaw as well.
They move too quickly when I look,
It's really hard to tell.
A collar-dove will come my way,
Then out upon my patch
I know, at times, I'll see a jay
Or even a nuthatch.
Great-spotted woodpecker, I then spot
To the bird-table does fly.
Why visit me? Don't care a jot,
He's wonderful to spy.
Then once again, I blink my eyes,
This bird gives such a shock.
A kestrel, to my great surprise,
Has just disturbed the flock.
And I don't need to take a walk
To see the simple grace
And beauty, of a sparrowhawk
As he wins a deadly race.
As legs increase from two to four
I'll sometimes see a frog.
But what I've noticed even more,
A regular hedgehog.
And at the rear of the house,
A movement takes my eye.
I realise I've seen a mouse
Who quickly scurries by.
But best of all the wildlife
Who come to visit me,
Is the one who tries to cause most strife
Then turns around to flee.
He comes and digs beneath my lawn
Then sits up, bold as brass.
The fact I'm watching starts to dawn,
Then he simply digs my grass.
He's a squirrel; most of him is grey,
His stomach lined with white.
Long as he comes to me each day
I know my future's bright.

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For further information contact
Ray Banks Tel: 01270 569542

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Wistaston Gardeners' Society meets monthly in the Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston 7.30pm



June 5 Judy Popley: A Prospect of Arley.
July 10 Summer Social Evening & Barry Walker Rose Competition Trophy.
Aug 14 Graham Shillabeer: Winter Colours. Beryl Fentem Trophy Pot Plant Competition.
Sept.11 Robert Barlow - Gardening in Shady Places.
Oct 2 Derek Jones: Organic Vegetable Production.
Nov 13 David Race: Moods & Colours
Dec 11 **Christmas Party**

For further information contact
Keith Wilford 01270 665974



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Come & take a look at Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club



Dear Roundabout reader

Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club (WMHBC) is tucked away behind the high conifer hedge next to the entrance to Wistaston Memorial Hall's car park. Access to the bowling green is from the car park and through the gate next to the Wistaston Parish Notice Board.

WMHBC has been in existence, at this location, for almost 60 years and yet, often, residents don't know it's there. It is a friendly club with around 80 members who regularly take part in both Social and League Crown Green Bowling. The Club plays matches in 3 local Leagues and that allows for bowlers with all differing capabilities to take part in competitions if and when they wish to. The U3A also holds a class on the Bowling Green on Friday afternoons between 2 and 4pm.

Its members, many of whom volunteer to do various tasks to look after the Bowling Green and its pavilion, maintain WMHBC. In recent years work has been undertaken to further improve these delightful facilities. A wheelchair friendly path has been installed on three sides of the Bowling Green to give easy access to the pavilion and toilet that has also recently been added. The pavilion has recently benefited from volunteers adding some very smart UPVC cladding that has greatly improved its outside appearance.

As mentioned previously WMHBC is a very friendly Club and its members would like to invite you to pay a visit, meet them and have a look around the Club's facilities and perhaps join in. An ideal time to drop in would be when the Social Bowling is taking place on either:

Tuesday s 2-4pm

Saturdays 2-4pm or Sundays 2-4pm

The Bowling Season runs approximately from March until the end of September each year.

Club correspondent Margaret Simon.

Please contact club secretary, Mrs Beryl Davies, Tel. 01270 661610

E/mail johnberyldavies@talktalk.net



Wistaston Young Drama Group

In March the children presented their showcase of 'Matilda' to a packed audience. The group have worked enthusiastically and solidly towards this performance which was much enjoyed by all.
We are so proud of our children and would like to thank them and their parents for supporting us.
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 Judy 01270 650341, or by email wydg@hotmail.co.uk
Further information and updates can be found on our website www.wistastonyoungdramagroup.weebly.com

Final rehearsals of Matilda





Nature Article

We have been honoured ever since January with an almost daily pied wagtail – a species rare around us. A lover of roof ridges the bird has a habit of plopping seemingly out of the sky, suddenly to land on lawn (though all the time they would have been on the roof, of course). Diminishing numbers have been blamed on increasingly hygienic conditions on farms, with greater dependence on piped water failing to attract the insects sought by wagtails. Frequenters of natural lying water and filter beds, these birds should not, perhaps, be expected in the urban landscape, but we used to enjoy them pecking around in the grit of our pavements. They are noted for having large roosts, and many years ago we were handed a photograph of a tree full near Crewe railway station.

A bullfinch pair were casual visitors in January. These finches appear to form a close pair-bond, unusual for small birds, so if we see one half of a pair the other shouldn't be far away. Jan.21 saw a sparrowhawk flash through, but without a kill, at the showing of our first snowdrops and crocuses.

At the very end of the month the dawn chorus was beginning to build up, the repetitive call of song thrush discernible, and the bird stayed loyal to our fat-blocks all through the 'big freeze'. The elusive great spotted woodpecker was heard hammering away in the allotments hedgerow.

It was a shock on 9 February to witness a jackdaw pecking to death a listless chaffinch, hold it up in its bill, like a cat with a mouse, then fly off with it when fellow jackdaws took to the wing. Small mammals and young of other birds do feature in a jackdaw's diet, so the taking of a possibly unhealthy finch is perhaps not surprising. The victim had been able to feed and fly quite normally, so maybe if it had been among others of its kind it would have been more secure: the 'safety in numbers' theory.

Corvids were busy snapping off twigs for nest material prior to the 'big freeze', and great tits were competing with house sparrows for a space in our sparrow terrace; great tits thinking, by their grumbling, that they had every right to

be there. Three redwings graced our ‘Sandylands’ frontage during the hard frost but were not stayers.

Our thanks to Linda (whose house backs onto the path to the park, in the area of the coverts) for her ‘phone call of 28 Feb. She is yet another person to be blessed with a pair of blackcaps, and observed an egret in a tree. On 10 March Tony Beeston (Church Lane) also reported an egret, this time flying from field to field around the Brittles. Perhaps we should stretch our legs and search for this bird ourselves: we seem to be losing out!

To finish, Rosemarie Benson managed to take some lovely photographs of a kingfisher along the brook between Wistaston Green Road and the George’s playing field. In the past Rosemarie has only seen one bird, but this time there were two. She hopes they will breed.
Our thanks to all contributors.
Trevor and Hilary Clowes Tel. 664358: email handt136@talktalk.net



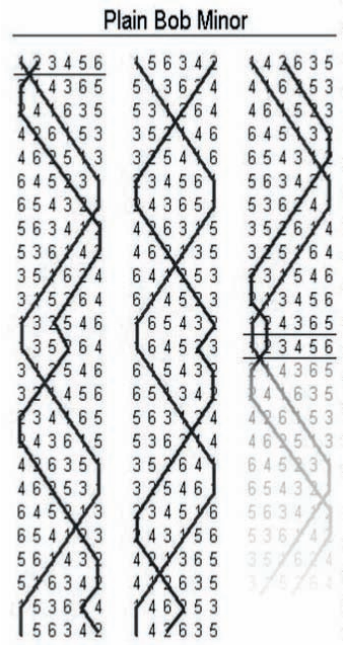
COULD YOU RING A BELL?



If you have been around Church Lane on a Sunday morning or Monday evening you may have heard the Church bells ringing at St. Mary's, Wistaston. The practice of "full circle" ringing (where the bells are swung through a full 360 degrees in a set sequence) goes back over 400 years and St. Marys' is fortunate to not only have a very good ring of bells, but also an enthusiastic and friendly band of ringers.

Change ringing is a very accessible pastime that offers mild physical activity, a lifetime of mental challenge and a great social network. The South Cheshire Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild consists of 22 towers with an active membership organising ringing meetings, roving practices and numerous social gatherings throughout the year **(http://www.cdgsouth.org.uk/).**

Like most activities, the survival of this historic practice depends on recruiting new members and so we are currently looking to recruit 2-3 more learners to strengthen the band. Full training is on hand to get you started and once you can ring, you'll be able to visit almost any tower in the country, meet new friends, get a "grab" and gain access to amazing parts of our country's architecture.



If anyone would like to find out more and "have a go", the tower at St. Mary's will be open for visitors during the Village Fete on Saturday, June 16th and the local band will be ringing a "quarter peal" (around 1200 changes lasting 40 minutes) during the afternoon.

RINGING IS :-

- Great fun
- Good physical and mental exercise
- Endlessly challenging
- Exceptionally sociable
- Carrying on a 400 year old tradition that is part of our heritage

"Full Circle Change Ringing" has been an audible back drop to the English countryside since the 17th Century, when bells were recast after The Reformation and hung with wheels to swing a full 360 degrees. It is practised not just for Church services and State occasions, but also as a secular pastime. There are close to 6,000 ring-able towers in Great Britain, most having a local "band" with St. Mary's, Wistaston being a fine example.

Few people know what change ringing is and most perceive bells are used to play tunes which is not so. Change ringing, is so called because the bells are arranged into various combinations or "changes" which can be "called" by swapping pairs of bells around or achieved via set patterns that all ringers will follow (see left).

Bell Ringing - Continued

These patterns (called methods) are designed to create “changes” that aren’t repeated and ultimately end up back in the starting order of “rounds” or 123456. A “method” might be rung for anywhere from 3 minutes with 120 changes to 3 hours with over 5,000! Towers generally have 6 or 8 bells (larger may have 10 or 12) with the “ring” being diatonically tuned to the key of the largest bell (the Tenor), so that when the order is altered, musical combinations are heard.

Despite it looking like a lot of numbers, you don’t have to be great at maths to be a ringer, just reasonably fit, able to listen and above all be keen to learn and have fun. Once the basic bell handling stage is over, new ringers will join in with “rounds” alongside others and then progress to “call changes” and “methods”. Local ringing meetings, competitions and ringing “tours” offer endless opportunities to develop skills, see new towers, make new friends and generally have a great time. It’s fun, it’s free and it’s endlessly challenging. Even the most experienced ringers never stop learning and with 5,750 towers in England alone, there is always a new one to visit.

WISTASTON IN BLOOM

Last year Wistaston won Silver-gilt in the Britain-in-Bloom (North West) competition; one award below that elusive ‘Gold’.

We have entered the competition again this year with judging expected to be in Mid-July. So it is in the best interests of Residents if we can have our gardens, hedges and verges looking at their best in time for the judging.

Wistaston also has its own competition with awards for best kept front gardens in each of the three wards of Wells Green; St Mary’s and Wistaston Green with one winner per ward and one overall winner. There are also awards for the best kept hanging basket display and best looking Commercial and Community Premises. Gardens will be viewed and judged in July with the results and awards presented at the Flower and Produce show in August.

Finally I would like to thank the new Co-operative store in Crewe Road who last summer donated a number of plants to the Wistaston-in-Bloom committee. They have now been incorporated into the Wistaston flower beds. Once again many thanks to the Store. Happy Gardening
Bill Heath
Secretary
Wistaston-in-Bloom

Crewe & Nantwich Cancer Research Committee are a group of people who are desperate to beat Cancer. If you or any of your friends or loved ones have been affected by this cruel illness you may wish to join us in that fight.

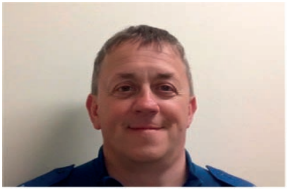
We have a hard working committee, but we do need more help. If you have an hour or two to spare occasionally and would like to help the cause, selling tickets, providing prizes, collecting prizes, baking for our cake stall, or giving us ideas for fund raising, we would be delighted to hear from you. Of course if you feel you would like to be more involved and join our committee we would be more than happy to welcome you on board.

If you can help in any way, please call 07377623958

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Nigel Hobbs: Wistaston's own PCSO

I am Nigel Hobbs and have been a PCSO with Cheshire police for around 3.5 years. I have worked in Macclesfield, where I was tutored, before moving to Crewe where I covered the Crewe North area before being moved to cover Wistaston around 18 months ago. I then spent a period based at Sandbach before coming back to the Crewe and Wistaston and Willaston areas in April of this year. I have previously forged excellent links with the parish council, the local schools, the local church and local residents. I have the use of St Marys Church Hall and its facilities to hold my beat meetings in and to use as a base in which to update logs etc.



I enjoy the role as a PCSO immensely. No two days are the same and it is the variety of the job that I enjoy along with meeting new people and having the knowledge that I have helped to make a difference to some one's life in their time of need.

Prior to joining Cheshire Police I worked for Cheshire East Council in Macclesfield & Sandbach as a Cctv operator and as a community warden.

In my spare time I enjoy fishing, walking, going to the cinema and spending quality time with my wife and two children.

Please feel free to sign up to the Cheshire alert, follow us on facebook and twitter by using the following links & details www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk
www.facebook.com/wistastonpolice
twitter @wistastonpol - this is in the process of being set up so follow and keep an eye out for tweets. Once signed up emails, messages & information will be sent out to all recipients and followers regarding issues affecting residents in the Wistaston area.

Please feel free to email me on nigel.hobbs@cheshire.pnn.police.uk regarding any issues that are affecting you and your community. You can also tell us what matters to you by going to www.Cheshire.police.co.uk/priorities and fill in the online form.

Alice & Ernie Chatwin Celebrate 70 years of Marriage



On March 27th 2018, Alice and Ernie Chalwin celebrated their Platinum wedding anniversary - 70 years. The day started with the arrival of several bouquets of flowers from members of their family and then when the post arrived there was a card from the Queen wishing them a happy anniversary. Alice and Ernie celebrated with champagne and then they were taken out for lunch with their two daughters.
All the family met together for afternoon tea on the Sunday before the actual day, to celebrate this amazing achievement.

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George Raiswell and Tennis

George Raiswell, our talented local tennis player, has good news for us in his update on his recent tennis performance and is delighted to tell us that he has improved on his Lawn Tennis Association rating and overall performance levels. At the end of 2017 he completed a tournament at the Liverpool Tennis Centre in the 10.1 rating group event.

He played two games on the day. The first game on the indoor courts was against James Pond whom he beat 2-4 4-2 10-7.
The second and final match of the day was against Harry Birchall whom he beat 4-1 4-0.
This allowed him two victories, needing two more for his rating to improve.

George then played the same tournament on the 3rd March and beat George Cheshire and Joseph Murphy with both the same score line of 4-0 4-0.
This resulted in his rating going from 10.1 to an improved 9.2.
Both matches were good practice and increased his experience levels.
He has tournaments on the way, with the next expected to be 19 May 2018.
Well done George – we're looking forward to hearing more good news!

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Answers to the Cricket Quiz on page13. 1. Edward IV; 2. A Rose; 3. Wellington, Christchurch, Auckland, Dunedin, Napier. 4. Lord's, London. 5. Bridgetown (Barbados); Georgetown (Guyana); Kingston (Jamaica); Port of Spain (Trinidad); and St John's (Antigua). 6. Lord's, London,

Wistaston's 36th Annual Flower and Produce Show Saturday 18 August 2018

Entry fee - 20p per class. Children's Classes Free. First Prize for each class £2

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 Pom Pom Dahlias, any varity or varieties.
5. Three Cactus or Semi-Cactus Dahlias any variety or varieties.
6. Three Decorative Dahlias, any variety or varieties.
7. A Single Stem of any Flowering Plant (not in schedule) in a vase.
8. A Single Geranium Head in a Vase
9. Six French Marigolds, any variety or varieties.
10. A Shallow Bowl of Floating Flower Heads - arranged for effect.
11. A Vase of Mixed Flowers - home grown. .
12. A Cactus.
13. A Geranium in a Pot - with saucer.
14. A Begonia in a Pot - with saucer.
15. Flowering Plant in a Pot, with saucer, excluding Plants from Class 19.
16. A Foliage Plant in a Pot, with saucer,
17. Six Fuchsia Heads on a Board.
18. A Fuchsia in a 9cm Pot, with saucer, any variety.
19. Alpine Garden - 25cm x 25cm maximum

Section 2 - Vegetable Classes.

20. A Vegetable not on Schedule - please specify on entry form.
21. Five White Potatoes on a Plate - any variety.
22 Five Coloured Potatoes on a Plate - any variety.
23. Six pods of Peas with some stalk
24. Three Onions - roots shown, not to exceed 225 grams each. See Rule 21.
25. Six Carrots - tops trimmed to 8cm
26. Five Ripe Tomatoes - not cherry variety - on a Plate.
27. Nine Shallots - Large, over 30mm in diameter.
28. Three Round Beetroot - tops trimmed to 8cm.
29. One Vegetable Marrow - with stalk.
30. One Lettuce - roots shown
31. One Cucumber - with stalk.
32. A Truss of Tomatoes - not cherry variety - some ripe.
33. A Truss of a Named Variety of Cherry Tomatoes on a plate - some ripe.
34. One White Cabbage - roots shown.
35. Five Ripe Cherry Tomatoes on a plate - variety to be named.
36. Six Runner Beans all with some stalk.
37. Six Dwarf Beans - all with some stalk.
38. Three Courgettes - each with some stalk..

Section 3 - Wistaston Parish Council Vegetable Display

39. A Collection of Five Different Classes of Vegetables.
40. A Single Pot of Three Different Herbs.

Section 4 - Flower Arrangements - See Rule 20

41. 'Hat for Ascot.'
42. 'Disney'
43. .'By the Light of the Silvery Moon'
44. 'Flower Arrangement with Ornament' - Petite. 25cms overall.

Section 5 - Harvest Basket

45. A Basket containing Fruit, Flowers & Produce - not to exceed 46cm in width and length; height unrestricted.

Section 6: Children's Classes (Free to enter. Entries to be with the Show President by 9 August.)

46. Pre-school - My Favourite Flower
47. Year 1 chilldren - Summer Flowers
48. Year 3 children - Still Life
49. Year 5 children - Canned Food

Section 7 : Housecraft Classes

50. A Jar of Homemade Strawberry Jam) cellophane
51. A Jar of Homemade Chutney) covers
52. A Jar of Homemade Lemon Curd) only.
53. Three pieces of Shortb read
54. Five Square Flapjacks.
55. Five Jam Tarts.
56. A Plate of Five Chocolate Butterfly Cakes.
57. A Lemon Drizzle Cake baked in a loaf tin.
58. A Date and Walnut Cake - baked in a loaf tin.
59. A Victoria Sponge Cake - Read Rule 19 carefully.
60. Five Cheese Scones
61. A Quiche, approx.20cm in diameter, presented on a plate
62. An Apple Pie approx. 20cm in diameter, short crust pastry top and bottom - presented on a plate.
63. Five Decorated Cup Cakes.

Section 8 - Hobby Crafts

64. A Cross Stitch Picture - 15cm x 20cm maximum
65. A Painting - own original work. A4 max.size, unframed.
66. A Decorated Plant Pot. 10cm-15cm diameter.

Section 9 Beverages

67. A bottle of Home Made Fruit/Vegetable/Flower Wine - 75 ml bottle, not from a kit.

Parish Council Photographic Competition

Free to enter
Class A: A Typical Snapshot
Class B: A Cardboard Framed Enlargement.
Prize money will be £5, £3 and £2 in both classes.
Entries to be with the Show President by 9 August 2018.

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 and contain the correct amount of ingredients.

Gwyneth Brown, Show **President**
101 Church Lane, Wistaston CW2 8ER. Tel: 568823

Westfield Drive
Dear Friends
For near on 20 years my dear late wife Sheena and I hosted the Diabetes Local Group Charity Garden Party at our home in Westfield Drive and I thank you all for your kind support and contributions which we received over those years.

This year 2018 the Local Voluntary Group decided to relieve me of the pressures of hosting the event at home and instead we are continuing our vital fundraising efforts in support of the Charity by holding a SUMMER CELEBRATION. This will be very much in the format of the Garden Party but take place at St Mary's Church Hall and Front Lawn with both indoor and outdoor stalls and entertainments and of course refreshments. So please do join us for our **SUMMER CELEBRATION 7 TO 9PM on Wednesday 11 July 2018.** **For more information see page 8.**
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Ken Sambrook
On behalf of C&SC Local Group DUK

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