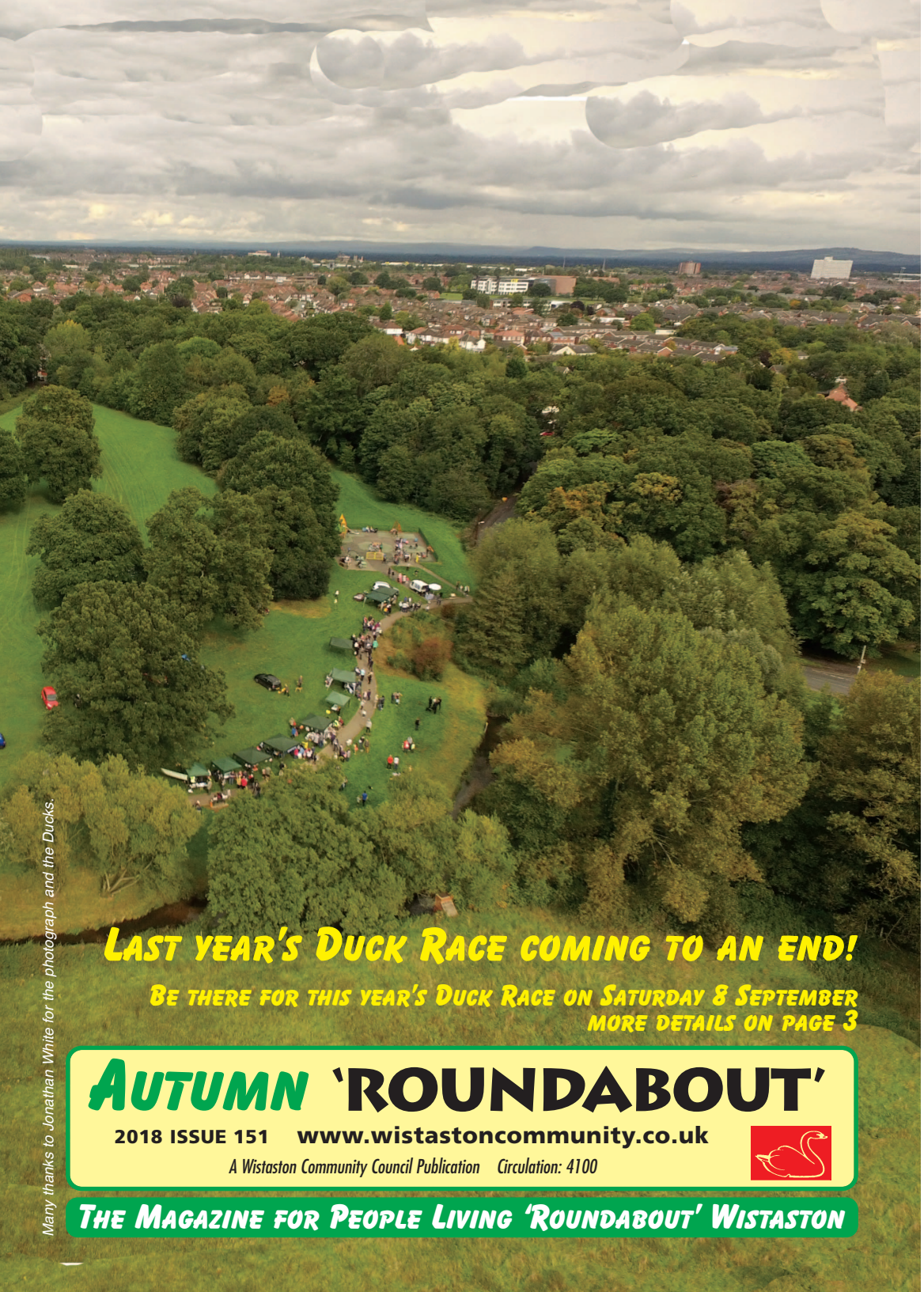


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With very many thanks to everyone for the continued splendid support given to Roundabout in whatever capacity. Without your contributions and advertisements it would not exist. Please send in your articles, photographs etc for our Winter edition due out in early December by 15 October.

Eileen Bamber, 31 Broughton Lane 01270 569126 eileen@bamberuk.com
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The **Wistaston Community Council** is very appreciative of the support you give to all the events organised over the year. Thank you to everyone for their contribution towards the success of the Village Fete - Lynette and Committee who organised it so well; Pochins ensuring a smoothly run parade with Dutton Contractors; the superb cars for the Rose Queens; Reg Flower for piping the Parade along; Mr Bancroft and the Governors for the use of their school; the Revd Mike for crowning the Rose Queens; Ken and John for their superb work as Masters of Ceremonies and you all for coming and supporting it. Thank you too to everyone who kept us so well entertained in the arena and in the Cafe.

Dates for your Diary - see page 20

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For more information on Children's Model Boat Race: India Sloan 01270 666413
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The Laurie Twiss Award



This year the Laurie Twiss Award went to Maria Price and we show her receiving the Trophy at the Fete in June. We also print below her lovely story on what might happen at night in your house!!

Bunny, Dog and Bear

In the night, when everyone was asleep, Bunny, Dog and Bear came to life. They crept out of bed and carefully tiptoed downstairs.

They wandered into the kitchen before assisting each other into the high cupboard. Quickly they each grabbed a snack and ran into the living room. Bunny got popcorn and a milkshake, Dog chocolate and crisps and Bear a rainbow lollypop and a chocolate chip cookie. Then they dived onto the couch and turned on the T.V. and sat there for hours until …

'ZZZZZZZZZ!' Bunny and Dog had fallen asleep! Now it was up to Bear to get them to bed before anyone saw them.

Luckily Bear was the biggest of the friends so he took Bunny and Dog in his arms, carried them upstairs and got them snuggled up into bed. Just in time, Bunny, Dog and Bear turned back into normal cuddly toys.

By now it was 7:00am. Al of the children in the house started to wake up and get ready for breakfast, not knowing what the three friends had been doing during the night. It all remained a secret.

The Laurie Twiss Trophy was first presented in 2004 being introduced in memory of Laurie Twiss who had been editor of Roundabout for some considerable time.

The competition is open to all young people in Wistaston under the age of 16 to write a short story or article. The recipient of the award keeps the Laurie Twiss Trophy for one year. They also receive a book token, certificate and pen.

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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. CHURCH LANE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (BLOOR HOMES)

Two further meetings have been held with Bloor Homes (BH) Planning Director and Senior Architectural Manager. Our representations relate to the design layout where many concerns have been made. In particular the number of bungalows (only 4 proposed), parking, proximity to other houses, playground and the Church Lane access junction. The key problem is that the site design is approved by Cheshire East Planning Department and BH are reluctant to make changes, however, some minor 'tweaks' have been agreed, namely the position of bungalows, orientation of the housing to the rear of Church Lane properties and positioning of the children's playground to make it more visible. No changes to the access junction were agreed, although your Parish Councillors regard this as inadequate and in particular there is a need for a pedestrian crossing. Under Government guidelines one third of this development has to be 'affordable housing' (91 properties) however, it was a concern that none of these are available for sale and will be rental only. It is assumed this would operate under a Housing Association arrangement.

2. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Our group of volunteers continue to work actively covering up to 9 roads on a rota basis. There are still too many instances of excessive speeds with 263 recorded this year (highest speed 60 mph). Recently the group have used a visible sign which is proving to be very effective. With the loss of 2 members we urgently require more volunteers to join. Interested? Please contact Cllr. Andy Bicknell or our Clerk.

3. LITTER PICKING (WISTASTON VOLUNTEER CLEAN TEAM)

Our number of volunteers has increased recently and now totals 12. This has allowed some organisation changes with a plan to have a dedicated group allocated to each ward of our Parish. Their success is welcomed by many residents who appreciate their work. Members of the group report they have developed a friendly social activity which they enjoy and are particularly pleased with the many 'thanks' they receive. More members would be welcome as there is no shortage of tasks. Interested? Please contact our Clerk.

4. DOG WASTE JOEY THE SWAN

On recent inspection we have sadly seen a marked increase in uncollected waste on woodland pathways and open playing field areas. We introduced a further bin in a problem area, however, it is the uncollected waste that raises concern of the risk this poses to others. Can dog owners help to encourage others to bag and bin waste please? Separately we have asked Cheshire East Council for advice regarding a Dog Watch Campaign.

5. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings at 7.30 p.m. at Wistaston Memorial. Next meetings are on 20th September 2018, 18th October 2018, 15th November 2018 and 20th December 2018.

Cllr. J. Moore - Chairman

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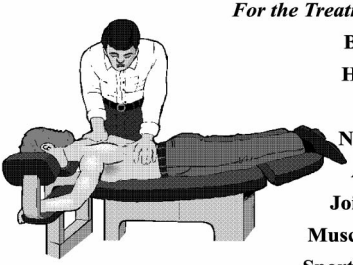
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Sunday 17 March	A lighthouse keeper and his wife want to keep a baby they save at sea
Sunday 21 April	Easter Day drama, based on the Resurrection

Films start at 5.00pm (except for the earlier time on 21 October, when we are hoping to attract younger viewers), but you are welcome to join us for refreshments from 4.30pm onwards. At the end of the movie you may wish to stay for a short discussion.

There is no charge for admission, but donations, to cover the cost of the licence to show these films, would be appreciated. The licence does not allow us to publicise the actual titles of these movies, hence the brief, brain-teasing descriptions. For further information, please contact Malcolm Crook on 01270 662077, or m.h.crook@keele.ac.uk

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This September is a very special time for Members of The Nantwich and District Scottish Society as they will be celebrating the 60th year since its formation back in September 1958.
It all started when a group of Scottish people, who had moved into the Nantwich area, often met informally in each other's homes. It was at one of these gatherings that the subject of forming a Scottish Society was raised.

Nantwich Congregational Church Hall was chosen as a venue and anyone interested was welcomed. The Nantwich and District Scottish Society was now formed. Dancing was held on alternate Tuesdays, but soon changed to weekly, as it became more popular. The Society moved to Wistaston Memorial Hall in September 1961 and started to meet on Monday evenings.

As a Society, we continue to uphold our key objective as laid down in 1958 '*The objects shall be to provide a Scottish gathering where members can meet and enjoy the songs, dances and traditions of Scotland, and to provide a bond of fellowship without political or sectarian attachments.*

The highlights of the Society year were a Burns' Night Dinner & Dance, a President's Night and an Annual Ball. These three events are still held today, but our Syllabus of events has expanded somewhat over the years to include Countryside Walks, visits to the Bowling Alley, Afternoon Teas, Lunches, Charity Fund Raising and Car Treasure Hunts. All these events are well supported and enjoyed by dancing members and non-dancers alike.

To celebrate our Diamond Anniversary a Dinner has been arranged at Crewe Golf Club, Haslington, when members, past and present, will be able to reminisce on the past 60 years.

Since 2013 a group of eight Members have formed a 'History Group' and have delved deep into the archives of the Society with the result that a *60th Anniversary Booklet* will be published and a copy given to each Member as a souvenir of the occasion.



We still meet on Monday evenings in Wistaston Memorial Hall - 7pm to 10pm.
Visitors are always welcome to come and see what we do and try out some Scottish Country dancing. If you would like more information please visit our website: www.nantwichscottishsociety.co.uk
or contact our Secretary, Mrs. Christine Grove on 01270 781137.

Wistaston Village Cricket Club
(Founded 1980)

By the time this latest editorial finds its way through your letterbox, the **2018** campaign will be coming to the end of what has, at the point of writing, been varied. At the time of producing this latest editorial, **late July,** the **First XI** have so far had in the main, experienced a slightly better season than during **2017,** where they were bottom of their league.

Having completed thirteen matches from their programme of Twenty-two, they hold a joint third from bottom position in the **UK East Cheshire Cricket League Division 4.** This is significantly better than at the same point last season and there is no reason why they can not realise a more comfortable position by the end of their campaign in early September…Watch this space!!

Our **Second XI** competing in **Division "C" South,** within the same league have enjoyed a relatively successful campaign so far enjoying a mid-table position having completed eleven of their twenty fixtures and could possibly be pressing for a top three position by the end of their campaign.

Our Third XI (Sunday) participating in the **Stone and District Sunday Cricket League Division B (North),** are currently holding fifth position in a league of seven clubs, having gained **75points** from their first six fixtures. With six remaining fixtures their attention will be firmly focused on gaining as many points as possible to close the gap between themselves and those teams above them.

Our ladies cricket team **(The Swans)** are currently playing their cricket in **Divison1/2 of the Cheshire Womens' Cricket League,** where they are at present occupying basement position in their particular division awaiting their first victory of what appears to be a tough season.

The Under 9's and 13's have been competing in their respective leagues in **The South Cheshire Junior Cricket League,** enjoying their cricket with mixed success.

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 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** 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 14th September 2018 at The Brittles.** For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins (483494).**

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 483494** in the first instance.

John Avery **"Zusammen", 13 Lear Drive, Wistaston**

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Just for Fun – Cricket Teasers – Six of the Best

1. Which small village in rural Hampshire is known as the 'Cradle of Cricket' and was England's leading cricket club before the formation of the MCC?
2. In 1992, at the age of 19, who became the first overseas-born player to represent Yorkshire?
3. Which first-class county club did Phil Tuffnel play for from 1986 to 2002?
4. Who was the first player to reach 10,000 Test runs?
5. Which South African was chosen as the Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 2003?
6. In which country is Eden Gardens – the second largest cricket ground in the world?

For answers see page 25

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Wistaston Gardeners' Society meet monthly
at the Wistaston Memorial Hall at 7.30pm as follows.
For further information please phone Keith Wilford 01270 665974

Tuesday 11 September, Robert Barlow - Gardening in Shady Places
Tuesday 2 October, Derek Jones - Organic Vegetable Production
Tuesday 13 November, David Race - Moods & Colours
Tuesday 11 December, Christmas Party

Wistaston Conservation Group

The last months have been holiday time for some of our working team and thus our average numbers have been somewhat down recently. We have, however, achieved a lot. Also the hot weather has not helped as it is not nice having to wear protective equipment when the temperature is in the 25 degree region.

1. Fallen branches: The hot weather has played havoc with many of our trees and we have spent quite a lot of time clearing branches which have fallen from ailing trees. We are expecting more to come down if this hot weather continues as forecast.

2. Path clearance: We have now almost completed our annual clearance of the paths in the recreation ground, Woodside and Hinging Bank areas, cutting back the edges and overhanging branches to make the paths more pleasant to use.





3. **Wistaston Green Road carpark**: Wistaston Green Road carpark has had its annual clean-up, cutting back all the edges and undergrowth. A major problem with the area is regular dumping and it has taken a lot of our time removing this rubbish and collecting it for disposal by the Council. This problem is becoming worse with building materials and general household rubbish being regularly dumped on this carpark.





4. Himalayan balsam: The removal of Himalayan balsam is a task that we have undertaken for some years now and from Joey-the-Swan downstream there is a lot less to remove, due to our regular work. The only problem area continues to be the area below Field Lane due to the deep undergrowth, mainly bramble which makes the balsam removal very difficult. However we have again cleared the area and the stream edges – we will not be beaten by this invasive species.

5. Kissing gates: The kissing gates which we replaced some time ago and the paths to and from them had become very much overgrown, making the use of the gates very difficult. We have now cut back all the undergrowth and overhanging branches to make the gates useable again.

6. **Stream/Flag iris:** Over the past few years the small stream which goes under the road by the electricity sub-station has gradually had its flow restricted by Flag iris growth. This is a lovely plant when in flower but it grows and multiplies at a phenomenal rate. We have now removed a significant portion of the iris to allow better water flow and have replanted the iris in other areas of the recreation grounds.

7. **Wildflowers**: At this time of the year wildflowers shed their seeds so some of our members have been collecting them and scattering them in designated areas along the main path. Hopefully we should have a much better showing of wild-flowers in years to come.

8. **Wistaston in Bloom**: You may remember that last year we had a very good report from the Wistaston in Bloom judges for the recreation ground area. This year we decided to put on a display of our work in the Memorial Hall for the judges. David and I then accompanied the judges on their walk from Joey-the-Swan to Wistaston Green Road carpark pointing out the work we have done and that still to be completed. The hot weather had hindered some of our plans such as our new pond and the planting around it, which was completely dry when inspected. However the judges seemed very impressed with the work we are doing, so, hopefully they will give us an even better result this year.

9. Local species: Over the last couple of years we seem to have lost two of our local wildlife species:

Water vole, not seen for some time, probably due to the sighting of Mink on the stream;

White Letter Hairstreak butterfly, not seen for some time, despite there being plenty of Lesser Knapweed, the butterflies preferred food plant.

We will continue to search for these species but if anyone sees them please let us know.

As usual if you have any conservation issues you would like to discuss or to suggest any improvements to our locality, either see one of our members or come and meet us, Monday morning from 09.30. Where we are working any week will be noted on our website, www.wistastonconservationgroup.org.uk

If you come at about 11am you may be just in time for a free cup of coffee and biscuits.

John M Wood. Chairman

During the last few years Jonathan White's contribution to Roundabout has been invaluable and Roundabout is indebted to him for the articles he has written about activities in Wistaston and also bringing items to everyone's attention that they would otherwise not be aware of. However just how long Jonathan had been contributing to Roundabout was only apparent when he checked back and discovered that:

'This year was my tenth year of reporting on the Wistaston Fete, although I have submitted news articles to the Wistaston 'Roundabout' village magazine since 2006. However, the Wistaston Fete was what started me to regularly write and take photographs at events in south Cheshire area, during which time I have circulated hundreds of stories and thousands of photographs to the local media. In over a decade of voluntary community journalism, as well as fetes, I have reported at other local events including country fairs, music concerts, duck races, fig pie rolling, worm charming, Christmas lights switch-on's, sports events, fireworks displays, railway shows, gymnastics displays, religious events, charity collections, remembrance parades, bicycle rides, food fairs, cheque presentations, historical re-enactments and have been a club photographer at Nantwich Town FC for the past two seasons. I plan to continue my role into the future.' Jonathan White, June 2018



Well done Jonathan and very many thanks.

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The Crazy Wheelbarrow Walk: Crewe-Nantwich-Crewe



Roy Price successfully pushed a 100kg wheelbarrow fourteen miles on Saturday 30th June 2018 to raise money for charity. Roy was joined by friend Ian Jones from Crewe, who was dressed as a bear and carried a donation bucket. They both raised several hundred pounds for the Mid Cheshire Hospitals Charity during 'The Crazy Wheelbarrow walk' and nominated the Macmillan Chemotherapy Suite at Leighton Hospital in Crewe to benefit from the money raised. Roy trained for the event by walking up Snowdon and also by walking the 34-mile-long Sandstone Trail path in a day.

Roy accomplished the feat in memory of his wife - Ruth Price - who passed away in February this year from secondary breast cancer. Ruth was treated at the Macmillan Cancer Unit at Leighton Hospital. Ian took part in memory of his mother Janet.

Jonathan White

WISTASTON IN BLOOM

Judging of Wistaston for 'Britain in Bloom North West 2018' took place on the 19th July.
The judges were met at the Memorial Hall where there were representatives from the Parish Council, the Conservation Group, the Litter Picking Group and the Bloom Group all of whom gave a brief outline of their respective activities. This was followed by the judges being given a tour of the village and the flower beds and an eventual walk through the 'Parkland' area from Church Lane to the Wistaston Green Road car park by John Wood and Dave O'Hara from the Conservation Group.
The morning went very well and I wish to express my thanks to all those who attended this meeting. The results will not be known until the end of Otober.

As in previous years our own judging of residents' front gardens took place in early July and the results for 2018 were as follows with the awards presented at the Flower and Produce Show in St Mary's Church Hall on Saturday 18 August.

Wells Green Ward

1st	Christine McLucas	19 Wellswood Drive Wistaston, CW2 6RE
2nd	Mr & Mrs Clark	11 Arley Place, Wistaston CW2 6QW
3rd	Mr & Mrs A Williams	22 Rope Lane, Wistaston CW2 6RD

St Mary's Ward

1st	Mr & Mrs R Leeke	37 Princess Drive, Wistaston CW2 8HS
2nd	Mr & Mrs B Wrench	67 Milton Drive, Wistaston CW2 8BX
3rd	Mr Philip Hughes	29 Kings Drive, Wistaston CW2 8HS

Wistaston Green Ward

1st	Mr & Mrs A Yuill	37 Waldron Gardens, Wistaston CW2 8UT
2nd	Margaret Malpas & Michael Espley	31 Ambleside Close, Wistaston CW2 8RX
3rd	Christine Wilding	7 Wistaston Avenue, Wistaston CW2 8QR

Overall Winner Best Kept Front Garden – Wistaston Parish Cup
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The Best Hanging Basket Display – The Window Surgeon Shield
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Wistaston Singers and Kipling Singers in Concert

The Wistaston Singers and The Kipling Singers are coming together to perform a Concert on Saturday 20 October to be held at the Baptist Church in Union Street, Crewe.

The Kipling Singers are a group of nine people who love singing in harmony and wish to bring their enjoyment of light music to a wider audience. Programmes are based on music from the theatre including folk and other light music. Formed in 1991 many concerts have been performed for churches, charities and other organisations in Cheshire and Staffordshire. Other appearances include the Lyceum Theatre, Crewe and the Civic Hall, Nantwich.

The Wistaston Singers were originally formed from former members of the church choir in May 2000 and now number over forty members singing four part harmony. Their repertoire ranges from church music to musical theatre and contemporary popular pieces. They perform five or six concerts a year raising funds for local charities and have also been invited to sing at weddings and to perform concerts in Ludlow. Bakewell and Port Sunlight.

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Wistaston Memorial Hall

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at 7.00pm

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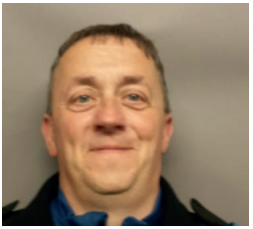
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From Nigel Hobbs, Wistaston's PCSO



Hi and welcome to my article for this issue.
The main issues I have had complaints about are inconsiderate parking and speeding for which ongoing enforcement is taking place in the form of fixed penalty notices or having vehicles removed for parking issues and either placing SID (speed indication device) out, or the use of the trucam (enforceable speed camera and/or the camera van) in areas where complaints have been received.

If any local residents would like to volunteer a couple of hours a month to take part in the community speed watch scheme, please contact me on the details below, all training etc. will be provided - the group is very active at present so new volunteers will be very welcome.
Wistaston now has its own facebook & twitter feeds, I will be using these to inform residents/followers of any incidents affecting the area and sending out useful advice on topics such has crime prevention and home security etc . I also cover the Willaston area which has its facebook & twitter accounts linked in with Shavington & Rope areas.
The accounts are -www.facebook.com/wistastonpolice
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Please feel free to sign up to the Cheshire alert. This is a system where details are sent out to those residents who don't have/use facebook or twitter, the link is - www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk
Once signed up emails, messages and 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.
I have a number of beat meetings/surgeries set up for the coming weeks, check out the Parish Council's noticeboards and website for the dates and times. These meetings/surgeries are a chance for you to speak to me on a one to one basis about any issues that are affecting you in your local area.

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Dates for your Diary



Saturday 8 September - Village Duck Race, Joey the Swan
Sunday 23 Sept. 2.30pm:*Pharisee*:Union St. Baptist Church
Tuesday 23 October - Annual Hall Quiz in the Memorial Hall
Saturday 3 November - Annual Fireworks
Thursday 8 November - Last Night of the Proms Concert by the Crewe Concert Band.
Sunday 11 November - Remembrance Service in the Memorial Hall
Friday 7 December - Annual Carol Concert - St Mary's Church Hall

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Wistaston and District Flower Club
Nantwich Agricultural Show 2018

Members of Wistaston and District Flower Club enjoyed a high level of success at the Nantwich Agricultural Show on 25th July 2018. The overall title for the Floral Art section was 'Jubilations' to celebrate a number of events taking place this year. The competition is organised jointly by Wistaston and Nantwich Flower Clubs. Pictured are 'With This Ring' exhibited by Mrs Elizabeth Russell left and 'Looking Forward to' arranged by Mrs Judy Gratton. Other winners from Wistaston were Mrs Jean Jones, Mrs Catherine Scales and Mrs Elspeth Smith.





The club ran 'drop in' flower arranging sessions during the Show which proved very successful.

Congratulations to everyone who participated. The exhibits in the marquee were stunning and much enjoyed by the visitors.

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Scenes from the Fete



Suffragettes in the Cafe
Patricia Nott



Suffragettes on the field - Jonathan White



Eskdale Hawks Falconry - Jonathan White

Wistaston Young Drama Group

A place to grow * A place to be * A place to belong

WYDG **Wistaston Young Drama Group**

Drama for the Community

Our members have been working on two pieces of writing, Jacques Speech in *As you Like It* and *Stately as a Galleon* by Joyce Grenfell.



They have presented their work as a choral speaking examination for London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. It was wonderful to see them working as a team and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.
Are you interested in having fun with your friends whilst showing off your dramatic side? If so, then Wistaston Young Drama Group would be delighted to meet you.
We are interested in welcoming young people from our community aged 8 onwards to be part of this long standing, award winning drama group.
We meet every Saturday morning from 10.30am to 12.45pm at Wistaston Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston CW2 8ER
As well as working on basic stagecraft, voice work and general performance we provide the young people with the opportunity to showcase an annual theatrical production alongside partaking in LAMDA examinations.
So, don't delay, book your place and come and join this vibrant, energetic, creative drama group! Looking forward to meeting you soon.
Free taster session for new members.
For more information : www.wistastonyoungdramagroup.weebly.com
email: wydg@hotmail.co.uk or contact Judy 01270 650341

Nature Article

Long gone are our transit birds of spring; siskins still more associated with conifer forests of the north of the country than elsewhere and return there to breed. Lesser redpolls are more common through an increase in conifer plantations and may come, if we are lucky, to our feeders in winter, although, like the siskin, there is the tendency to intensify in the north and west rather than the south: the rich brown back and red forehead diagnostic. Our wintering thrushes – fieldfare and redwing – will have returned to northern Europe.

Our personal first swallow flew over Willaston's allotments on 30 April, welcomed with its interminable twittering. Of note, three dunnocks (hedge sparrows, accentors, or Latin Prunella modularis to avoid confusion) were in the habit of frequenting our front lawn in their characteristic mouse-like fashion, remaining together even in the breeding season: a veritable 'ménage à trois'!

24 May brought swifts over Pratchetts Row, Nantwich, generally the first we see locally, and it wasn't until June that we were aware of any over Wistaston.

An update on Rosemarie Benson's kingfishers informs that they bred and were seen feeding chicks in the bank of Wistaston Brook. Once again Rosemarie sent in some lovely photographs.





The garden bird survey, organised by South Cheshire Ornithological Society (SECOS), for the months of October to April, still shows a pronounced decline of house sparrows and starlings. Starlings managed to breed somewhere in our vicinity as the young are nurtured at our feeding stations. An unspeckled youngster, brown of back and with conspicuously white throat, tried its luck at gaping for food from a foraging blackbird, to the latter's disgust and aggressive shunning.

We were surprised to find a common frog in a comparatively dry part of the garden, far from the home pond; shaded by shrubs, the only moisture slimy dying-off plant stems. Reference to books informed that after mating frogs do live on dry land, returning to water in autumn, to hibernate. We live and learn.

On insects, Gerry Rainbow (Broughton Lane) has seen few butterflies in his road this year: the most common being blues. Speckled wood and whites have featured, but poorly.

To round things off, we had an exciting report from Ian Bates of Crewe Road (between Colleys Lane and Church Lane). On 6 July he witnessed a red kite fly over towards Jackson's Corner – a 'first' for him in Wistaston. We have heard that kites do come around, but we have missed the sightings.

Our thanks to all contributors.
Trevor and Hilary Clowes
Tel. 664358 email handt136@talktalk.net

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Happy Scottish Dancing at Hankelow



The weather was extremely kind and very warm for our U3A Scottish Dancing Group at Hankelow Summer Fete on June 17th where we really enjoyed dancing outdoors, as you can see from our happy smiling faces. We were also very pleased that their Fete raised £1000 shared between Air Ambulance and Audlem First Responders. It felt great that our dancing provided some of the entertainment enabling this money to be raised for these very worthwhile charities.
The U3A Scottish Dancing group is now looking forward to continuing dancing at our normal venue, Acton Parish Hall, usually on Tuesday afternoons, when the new U3A year restarts in September. If you would like to try Scottish Dancing, then contact Peter Marshall, 01270 214695 email petersmarshall@talktalk.net You don't have to be Scottish (most of us aren't) nor do you need to bring a partner.

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Answers to ***Just for Fun - Cricket Teasers*** *on page 13*
1. Hambledon. 2. Sachin Tendulkar 3. Middlesex
4. Sunil Gavaskar 5. Shaun Pollock 6. India

Roundabout 2018
‘The Magazine for people living Roundabout Wistaston’

by Malcolm Bellis

‘Roundabout’ has now issued its 150th unbroken quarterly issue.

Reputedly it saw its origins at the time of Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee in 1977. A broadsheet was published by Parish Councillor Harold Boyd in order to keep residents advised as to the celebrations planned. At the end of the year the new Community Committee decided to continue this innovation in the form of a newsletter, delivered free of charge to residents. It comprised both sides of an A4 sheet, initially hand-written and folded into three by committee volunteers.
From experience gained it became obvious that the Newsletter needed improvement. Though younger readers will find it difficult to believe, copies were duplicated using Banda masters, computer technology being confined to the Sinclair ZX, the internet being unheard of. Flash Gordon in the films had a mobile phone and would leap from his space rocket carrying something the size of a piano.



In this pre-IT age the Community Committee appointed Associate Malcolm Bellis with the task of producing the first four issues within the Committee's very sparse budget. In 1981 the first issue of Roundabout was printed by John Rigby (Printers), with the unstinting help of manager Roy Metcalf. The editor Malcolm Bellis contributed the swan logo which was taken from an illustration on a packet of Swan Vestas Matches and the name 'Roundabout' which was an abbreviation of the circulation of 'round about Wistaston'.

Issues 1 to 4 were satisfactorily completed, allowing for the near riot caused by the 'Spot the Dog' cover photo on No.4. **See our next edition for more details of this .**

A new editor, Anthony Jenks took over, followed by Laurie Twiss then our current editor, Eileen Bamber. It is remarkable that in 37 years there have been only three editors (excluding the initial trial). During this time the Roundabout’s objective has remained unchanged from that laid down in Issue 1 in Spring 1981.

WE wrote 'Newsletter', we want YOU to write 'Roundabout'

“We hope ‘Roundabout’ will be nice to look back on and nice to look forward to”, wrote Malcolm Bellis, Hon Editor, White Hart Lane, Wistaston on page 3 of Spring 1981 Roundabout, Issue 1.

Can I just say that Roundabout has a wonderful army of deliverers and co-ordinators who in all weathers ensure the magazines get to their destinations. Also we have wonderful contributors, advertisers and of course superb printers. Thank you to everyone. Eileen

***'There But Not There'* at St Mary's**

As I'm sure you know, this Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 11 November, commemorates the centenary of the end of World War 1 (WW1). Sixteen men from Wistaston were killed during the conflicts of WW1 and in 2014 we had a special service at St Mary's to commemorate the centenary of the beginning of WW1 at which the sixteen names were read out and remembered. To see those names please go to: stmaryswistaston.org.uk/warmemorial.html

For Remembrance 2018 we have secured a grant from the Armed Forces Covenant Trust to buy 6 transparent 'silhouettes' of military figures, this is part of a nation-wide art installation to remember the fallen of the First World War. It is called ***'There But Not There'.*** We will be using the 'silhouettes' at our Remembrance Sunday Service on 11th November at 10:40am and inviting schools and the community to come into church around that time to reflect.

In the Autumn we are launching a War Memorial Project to commemorate the centenary year of the end of WW1. This project will give safer access for all to the War Memorial in the churchyard at St Mary's with new paths, a safer area to view the memorial and lay wreaths with a railing and a better paved area around the memorial. We are working in partnership with Wistaston and Rope Parish Councils and we are holding an information evening, with the 'silhouettes', on Saturday 10 November at 7pm, in the Church Hall when you can view the plans and see how you can get involved. Please keep an eye on the website page above for further details nearer the time. To read more about the national project, ***'There But Not There'***, please go to therebutnotthere.org.uk. Mike (Rector)

Morning Parade – Kelvin Halford



I walked the fields of Flanders, one cold November morn
The mists hung heavy and shroud like across the land once torn.
But as the sun reached out its hand and climbed into the sky,
The veils of mist were broken and beauty met the eye.

Row upon row of soldiers were parading in the fields
They stood in perfect silence, soon all would be revealed,
Their uniforms no longer khaki, no belts or buckles undone.
Instead a plain white jacket with each name carved there upon.

There's a sergeant next to a major, a gunner beside a hussar,
There's John from Leeds in Yorkshire and boys from lands afar.
What kind of army is this where all are just the same?
Are they glad they came and did their bit or was it all in vain?

I feel a tear well in my eye as I walk along a line
Of brave young men, once full of life, cut down whilst in their prime.

Discover Wstaston's Hidden Gems: The Eric Swan Sports Ground and The Brittles Pavilion



Dear Roundabout Reader

The Eric Swan Sports Ground and the The Brittles Pavilion, operated and managed by Wistaston Sports and Leisure Association, a group of local volunteers, have been fondly referred to as Wistaston's Hidden Gems but often local residents are completely unaware of their existence and what they have to offer.

Over the last 20 years, through a series of funding grants the ground and pavilion have been dramatically improved turning them into wonderful facilities for our local community, places that we can all be proud of. If you would consider giving a little of your help we can secure their future and make sure that WSLA continues to go from strength to strength.

Ray Westwood
2018 Wistonian of the Year and Chairman of WSLA until summer 2018





Where are the Eric Swan Sports Ground and Brittles Pavilion?
You will find them in Church Lane at the end of the track at the side of Wistaston Church Lane Academy, opposite to Kings Drive.

WSLA is a not for profit organisation constituted to develop sports and leisure in our area. Its Management Committee is made up of volunteer representatives from the clubs and organisations affiliated to it. WSLA is ambitious, it continually considers how to further develop and improve its ground and facilities.

WSLA's facilities:
The Eric Swan Sports Ground has:
A full cricket field with a 10-strip wicket square
A full sized football pitch, A junior football pitch
A 1600 sq.m. all weather multi use games area marked out for football and tennis ; Indoors short mat bowling

The Brittles Pavilion has:
Full changing facilities
140sq.m. of function space
2 kitchens; Wi-fi connection; Bar

It's the venue for many clubs, classes, organisations and events. It is a great place to hold parties for children and family occasions.
There is full disabled access and it has its own 60 space car park.

If you are interested and want to know more please take a look at the WSLA website – www.wistastonsportsandleisure.co.uk or see WSLA on Facebook www.facebook.com/WSLASports or telephone the booking line on 07758 302647 for a chat with one of our friendly volunteers.

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Wistaston Community Council's Annual Fireworks Display Saturday 3 November 2018

Fireworks Display starts with the torchlight parade, meeting on the triangle of grass on Park Drive and Westfield Drive at 5.45 for 6.00pm prompt start. Parade arrives at the Brittles approximately 6.15. Judging Fancy Dress and Pumpkins at the Brittles around 6.20pm and the Fireworks around 6.30pm. Thanks to Wistaston Parish Council for their support. Entry by donation and all profits go to a charity.



Emma raises over £5,000 for Diabetes UK



Emma Horne, 16, received the 'Young Person's Outstanding Contribution Award' during a service at St Mary's on Wednesday 11 July from Michelle Stebbings from Diabetes UK after raising funds to support diabetes research.
Emma raised £5,100 for Diabetes UK during her year as Wistaston's Rose Queen, and chose to support the charity because she has friends and family with Type 1 diabetes. Emma said she was proud to receive the award and would like to dedicate it to the congregation at St Mary's Church, Wistaston, who supported her through her year as Rose Queen and made it possible to raise such a fantastic amount of money.

Her fundraising events included tea dances, a onesie party, plant sales, Christmas fairs, a Chinese New Year-themed quiz, and a 2018 calendar featuring photographs from the events.

The money was donated to a diabetes research project being undertaken at The University of Manchester by Dr Jenny Myers, which is monitoring mothers-to-be with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes and their unborn babies.

Thanks to Jonathan White for the photograph.
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Wistaston Village Fete : The event began with a procession from the Memorial Hall led by Scottish Piper Reg Flower, followed by Scouts, Beavers, Cubs with the Scouts carrying the Union Flag, and St Mary's Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. The procession also included the retiring Rose Queen Jessica Doano and her attendant Elise Kennerley in a vintage car and this year's Wistaston Rose Queen Poppy Bellingham and attendant Lyla Manfredi in a Bentley Continental GT Convertible car. The procession was supported by Pochin Construction and Dutton Contractors for the third year running.

Once the procession arrived in the Arena at the Academy the retiring Rose Queen Jessica Doano thanked Wistonians for their support and said that for her charity she had raised money for WaterAid during her year of office. The money will go towards providing clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene in poor communities around the world.
St. Mary's Rector Mike Turnbull then passed the crown from Jessica to this year's Rose Queen, Poppy , aged 13 from Willaston and a pupil at Malbank High School. Poppy stated that her chosen charity this year is Save the Children. Wistonian of the year, Ray Westwood, then officially opened the Fete. The theme this year was Suffragettes - 2018 being the 100th anniversary of when some women, and all men, were allowed to vote.
Thank you to Jonathan for narrative and photograph.

Cancer Research UK Christmas Fair
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