

Hope to see you all at the Annual Village Duck Race and Model Boat Race, Saturday 7 September , at Joey the Swan.

Duck Race tickets £1 – First prize £100 – Further details on page 19

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EDITORIAL FOR AUTUMN 2019

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Details of the Flower and Produce Show which went off very successfully on Saturday 17 August will be in our Christmas issue.

Next Community Council events:
Village Duck Race: Saturday 7 September - see page 19 for details.

Annual Firework Display : Saturday 2 November 2019

The Firework Display starts with the torchlight parade, meeting on the triangle of grass at Park Drive/Westfield Drive at 5.45 for 6.00pm prompt start.
Parade to arrive at the Brittles approximately 6.15.

Judging Fancy Dress and Pumpkins at the Brittles around 6.20pm and the Fireworks to begin around 6.30pm.
Many thanks to Wistaston Parish Council for all their continued support. Entry by donation with all profits going to a charity.

Dates for your Diary - 2019



Saturday 7 September - Village Duck Race, Joey the Swan
Thursday 10 October - Concert by the Crewe Concert Band
Tuesday 22 October - Annual Hall Quiz in the Memorial Hall
26/27 October: Mind Body Spirit Event : Nantwich Civic Hall
Saturday 2 November - Annual Fireworks ; 6.00pm from Triangle
Sunday 10 November - Remembrance Service : Memorial Hall
Friday 6 December - Annual Carol Concert - St Mary's Church Hall



Wistaston Community Council's

Annual Christmas Concert

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in St Mary's Church Hall

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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. WISTASTON IN BLOOM

Judging for the Best Kept Village and North West in Bloom competitions have commenced across our village. We are hoping to build on last year's success. Our community groups have been working hard. The flower beds, baskets and tubs are all freshly planted under the guidance and help of our Wistaston in Bloom Group. The litter picking volunteers have been doing extra patrols, the Conservation team and our Park Ranger are all contributing to make the village attractive. Thanks are expressed to all and also residents who keep frontages and open spaces well maintained. If any resident could spare a few hours per month they would be welcome to join any of our volunteer groups. Enquiries should be first directed to our Clerk.

2. STREET WEED TREATMENT / CLEANING

We have received many complaints on the poor condition of our roads and pavements. Requests have been followed up with Cheshire East Council Highways Portfolio holder and I'm pleased to report a start has been made along the A534 Crewe Road. Our request is for a rolling programme of cleaning our village streets. Feedback from residents would be appreciated.

3. WASTE / DOG BINS

The vandalised bin on Beech Drive Car Park could not be replaced by Cheshire East Council owing to lack of funds. To ensure we maintain the facility your Council has agreed to replace this bin at a cost of £285. Cheshire East Council will continue to empty it weekly. A second problem is the discarded dog waste on the exit from the Bloor Homes housing development, agreement has been reached with Bloor Homes to fund a new bin. Location and extra collections have yet to be agreed with Cheshire East Council.

4. PARK RANGER

Our newly appointed Park Ranger Shaune Poulson-Green is now in place and settling in to his new role. Our thanks have been expressed to our previous Park Ranger Dave O'Hara after many years of service. I'm pleased also to report Dave will continue his volunteer work with the Conservation Group. .

5. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings at 7.30 p.m. at Wistaston Memorial. Next meetings are on 19th September, 17th October and 21st November 2019.

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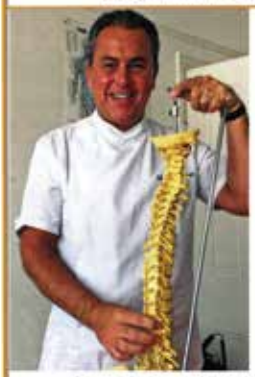
Sunday 20 October	A courtroom drama about advancing gender equality in the USA
Sunday 17 November	A movie about the contemporary scourge of people-trafficking
Sunday 19 January	A young man miraculously survives falling through a frozen lake
Sunday 16 February	A Welsh mining community is drawn into the struggle for gay rights
Sunday 15 March	A stranger washed up on a beach surprises his rescuers

All movies start at 5.00pm, with refreshments provided from 4.30pm onwards. There is no charge, but a donation can be made. Wells Green Methodist Church is situated at the junction of Brookland Avenue with the Crewe Road, next door to the Vets, CW2 8EJ.

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Wistaston Church Lane Academy pupils bury time capsule on Wistaston Brook development

In July children from Wistaston Church Lane Academy left their mark on history as they buried a time capsule at Wistaston Brook which is in close proximity to the school for future generations to discover.

The children put a variety of objects in the capsule from popular toys like Lego, a squishy and slime to a school uniform, coins, letters to their future selves. They added a USB memory stick containing videos of themselves and their work. Poignantly the children also included pictures of endangered animals which they thought may be extinct in 50 years time.
The Principal at Wistaston Church Lane Academy, James Bancroft, said that the children have really enjoyed putting together their very own time capsule.

'The activity has challenged them to think about how different life will be for the future community and where they themselves might be and what jobs they will be doing. 'They enjoyed discussing what life might look like in years to come and had lots of fun selecting items to be buried which will give future generations some insight into what their lives were like in 2019.
Pupils also looked behind the scenes at Wistaston Brook, a site of 300 new homes.
Mr Bancroft added that as the Wistaston Brook development was so close to the school the children were very interested in how the site was developing and they noticed as new homes popped up. It was nice therefore for them to be able to visit the site and learn more about the house building process and the many different jobs involved in this. *Thank you to Nantwich News for article and photo.*



Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

By the time this latest editorial finds its way through your letterbox, the **2019** campaign would be coming to the end of what has, which at the point of compiling, been varied. At the time of producing this latest editorial **(late July)** the **First XI** have performed exceptionally well and as my fingers skip over the keyboard, they are proud leaders of their division, albeit just one solitary point ahead of their nearest rivals **Styal CC** and just two points ahead of third place **Westminster Park**. To say the very least, the ensuing seven weeks until the end of the playing season should be in the immortal words of The Duke of Wellington, "a very close run thing" Await with bated breath for the climax!!!!

Our **Second XI** competing in **Division "C" North/South,** within the same league have enjoyed a relatively successful campaign so far enjoying a mid-table position having completed thirteen of their allotted fixtures and could possibly be pressing for a position in the top third of their division.

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 **37 points** 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 and a top three position is not beyond their reach.

Our ladies cricket team **(The Swans)** are currently playing their cricket in **Division 2 of the Cheshire Women's 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 to further improve on the great progress achieved over past seasons. As mentioned on many occasions we offer cricket to adults and juniors of *ALL STANDARDS* therefore if you are interested in joining our cricket club please contact Kevin Jobbins - tel 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 20th September 2019 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.

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Just for Fun – Cricket Teasers. - Six of the Best.

1. When were the first widely accepted laws of cricket brought out? 1714,1734, 1744,1754,1784.

2. The first officially recognized One-Day International was held at the same venue where the first Test was played. When and where?
3. The 'Ashes' are kept in a museum within the premises of a Test ground. Which?
4. Why is the term "Hat Trick" so called?

5. With which first class county did Tony Lock finish his first class playing career.
6. Who was the Man of the Match in the first One-Day Internationals?

Answers on page 29.

Wistaston Conservation Group

The last working period has again been struck by the hazard of holidays, mine included, and thus our average attendance on a Monday morning has been down to eight.

Parish Council Warden

As many of you will be aware, David O'Hara has retired from his role of Parish Council Warden, but the Group are delighted that Dave has agreed to continue as the Group Project Manager.

This change of Warden is presently giving us some problems, as with Dave in both roles it was easy to write the Group job list, but with the new Warden, who is not a member of our Group, writing the job list is more difficult.

We are presently in contact with the Parish Council to sort out this situation for the future working of the Group.

New Pond Area: By far the biggest job we have undertaken during the past months has been the area around the new pond. This has been very difficult, and hard work for us for several reasons;

1. Lack of water supply to keep the pond topped up, except for the torrential rain a few weeks ago, when the pond completely overflowed across the path, and mated up with the stream,

2. The phenomenal growth rate of the " plants in the wrong place ", not allowed to call them weeds, all of which have had to be either removed or cut down,

3. The vandals who have pulled out a considerable percentage of the plants and hedging, which several of our members had grown either from seed or cuttings.

   This project will need a lot more work in the future to keep it in good order.



Old Railway Area: Some time ago, we cut out a lot of the larger hedge trees, laid the smaller ones, and generally tidied up all around the area. We then planted Hawthorn whips in the hedge, so as to increase the width and ultimately the height of the hedge.
The hedges have now grown well, and so recently we have trimmed the tops and sides, and again cleared all the undergrowth from the whole area.





Before and after photographs

Parish Council Job List
Some weeks ago, John Moore, Parish Council Chairman, asked us to look at a series of jobs which needed consideration. By the time you read this article most of the jobs will have been completed, or rejected as too big for our small Group. One job was a litter pick on the College Fields, where our local litter team picked up 8 large bags of rubbish in one day, from this area. THANK YOU for all that you do to keep Wistaston so clean and tidy.
Another job, which is ongoing is the hole in the hedge at Joey-the-Swan, where a car has gone through the hedge and destroyed about 4 metres. Replanting has been delayed, as the contractors were due to cut all the hedge around the area. Hawthorn saplings are on order, and hopefully the job will have been completed when you read this article.

Britain in Bloom
The Judges came around in July to consider our submissions, including the recreation grounds. We have not had notification of the results as yet, but live in hope after last year's successes.

Continued over

Conservation Group Continued.

Village Fete

Despite the weather in the early morning of Fete day, the event went off as intended. Although there didn't seem to be the usual number of people attending, our stand was a success, and our plant sale raised more than ever before.

Duck Race

Our next public event will be the Wistaston Duck Race, scheduled for Saturday, September 7th, so please come along and see us, especially if you have a conservation issue, or would like to join us; we are always on the look-out for new members.

As usual, if you have any conservation issues you would like to discuss, any ideas to improve the wistaston locality, or you would like to consider joining us, either contact one of the Group, or come along and meet us on a Monday morning. We meet at 0930, with a welcome coffee break at about 1100, so if you time it right you may be in for a free coffee and biscuits.

Where we are working on any Monday is usually noted on our website at www.wistastonconservationgroup.org.uk

John M Wood, Chairman.

Wistonian of the Year

Start thinking now who you would like to nominate to be the next Wistonian of the Year.

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Wistaston Village Fete which took place on Saturday 15th June was organised by Wistaston Community Council at Wistaston Church Lane Academy, by kind permission of the Academy.

Piper Reg Flower, followed by Wistaston's Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and St Mary's Rainbows, Brownies and Guides led the procession in which the Rose Queens and their attendants drove in style in a modern Rover 75 and a Rover Tourer 1914 vintage car. The procession was supported by Pochin Construction and Dutton Contractors for the fourth year running.

Once the procession arrived at the Academy's hall Dane Chaplow Chairman, Wistaston Community Council thanked Academy Principal Mr Bancroft for allowing the Council to use his premises and also thanked his staff, participants, volunteers, sponsors and the general public for supporting the Fete.

MC Ken Sambrook introduced retiring Rose Queen Poppy Bellingham who thanked Wistonians for their support and stated that the magnificent sum of £1,168.90 had been raised for Save the Children during her year of office.

St. Mary's Rector Mike Turnbull passed the crown and sash from Poppy to this year's Rose Queen, Charlotte Shaw who stated that her chosen charity is Parkinson's UK and the local Crewe & District Branch of Parkinson's UK.

This year's Wistonian of the year, John Wood, then officially opened the Fete.

Mayor of Cheshire East Alderman Barry Burkhill, accompanied by his wife, Mayoress Sue Burkhill, thanked everyone for attending.

The children's fancy dress competition was won jointly by Florence and Purdy with their Moon Girl and Rocket Girl costumes respectively.

Bob Squirrell setup and monitored the sound system in the Arena where Rock Choir performed whilst in the hall the Wistaston Church Lane Academy Choir entertained..

On the playground a vehicle display featured cars by Austin Healey, Armstrong Siddeley, Porsche, Triumph, Bentley with a Morris Commercial lorry and a Francis Barnett motorbike and also a Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service appliance.

There were thirty-two stalls on the field representing local organisations and charities, as well as a children's funfair. Refreshments available in the hall and outside from the Scout group.

The event which took place in sunshine and showers was enjoyed by several hundred people.

The Wistaston Community Council welcomes new members to help organise next year's Fete, as well as other Wistaston-based events. Please visit http://www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk/ or search Wistaston Community Council on Facebook for further information.

Thank you to Jonathan White for this photograph and for this article which is a shortened version of his excellent original.



Annual Duck Race
and Children's Model Boat Race

Saturday 7 September 2019
at the Recreational Ground, Joey the Swan

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Children's Model Boat Race: **2:30pm**
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Best Designed Boat: free entry
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For more information on the Children's Model Boat Race please contact India Sloan 01270 666413
If your organisation would like to have a stall free of charge please contact Debra Sloan 01270 666413

Crewe & South Cheshire Voluntary Group: Diabetes UK



The Local Group started in the 1970s and since then has sought to help Diabetics in the area in coping with their condition. We operate under the management of the National Registered Charity, Diabetes UK.

We hold monthly meetings often with professional speakers on Diabetes prevention and control. We are not medics, but informers and directors seeking to help local people by raising funds for the National Charity and at the same time raising awareness and funds to aid local newly diagnosed children and young people to attend residential training in order to familiarise them with the methods of medical control available. We wish to recognise and thank all those local people who have contributed in some way to our continued success.



To celebrate for this last year when we have been even more successful we were presented with an INSPIRE AWARD for our efforts in raising over £140,000 for the charity since 1996.

One of our main fund raising efforts has been OUR annual JULY Garden Party - now held indoors at St Mary's Church Hall, Wistaston. The Award was presented by DUK NW Regional Officer Mrs Maria Whittaker on 10 July at this year's event in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Cheshire East, Alderman Barry and Mrs Sue Burkhill and also of the Rose Queen, Charlotte Shaw and her attendant Lucia in the packed Church Hall. It is therefore fitting to extend GRATEFUL THANKS to all who attended or participated in another successful evening and raised £717 to this year's efforts.

We could not do this without the generous support of all concerned so please regard yourselves as joint recipients of the INSPIRE AWARD. Thank you.

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Nature Article

No sooner was our winter garden bird survey completed for the local ornithology society (South Cheshire Ornithological Society – SECOS -) than the melodious notes of blackcap were detected in the allotments hedgerow of Sandylands Park, too late for inclusion. Such is life! You don't need to be a Society member to participate in this interesting survey: just contact us if you'd like details.
With still hardly a swallow locally, the following weekend (14.4) saw countless numbers of swallows and, no doubt, other hirundines, swooping over Carsington Water near Ashbourne. 18.4. produced a couple of orange tip butterflies in the garden – always a sure sign of spring's grabbing a hold.

Andrew Booth (Freshfields) noted three singing male blackcaps in mid March, in his own as well as neighbours' gardens.

Moving on to May when, early in the month, large starling families, fed by parents on our lawn in Sandylands Park, waxed strong and vociferous on suspended suet blocks. Starling chicks are handsome creatures in soft dull plumage and distinct white throats. On 8 May Vic and Meinie Barnett (Princess Close) experienced an invasion of starling families indulging in that characteristic feeding frenzy that seems to suggest to the birds that famine is on its way. In the words of the reporters: 'the clamour was such that at times they were in piles on top of each other'. Three days later all were gone.

Numbers of starlings and house sparrows are still declining according to the SECOS winter garden bird survey and we must remember that our numbers are augmented by arrivals from overseas. Perhaps the good news is that the survey, which has taken place over the last thirty-four years, shows, this year, the least marked decline.

Two instances of bird behaviour that have amused us recently are a magpie dunking a piece of bread by flying with it to our birdbath and submerging it before devouring it, and a jumping jackdaw as if afraid of the grubs it unearths.

Late June brought transient sights of a bullfinch pair and great spotted woodpecker to our tree and house sparrows must have reared several broods in the nestbox terrace.

17 June brought a painted lady butterfly to the garden: a species that tolerates a widespread temperature difference, therefore is common around the world and a noted June migrant to Britain from more southerly climes. Maybe this year is a good year for this insect in Britain: several were enlivened by the sun in the long grasses of the meadows of the Chirk Castle estate in early July, although little evidence yet of the butterfly particularly associated with the month – gatekeeper.

Our thanks to all contributors.

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Crewe Movie Makers Report

In a collaborative initiative The George Formby Society and Crewe Movie Makers provided an excellent evening of entertainment celebrating 70 years of the Wistaston Memorial Hall, which was built to commemorate those who gave their lives in combat. John White, dedicated and well informed on the lives of such men, offered his wealth of knowledge in this connection. The result was a splendid presentation to a packed hall.

Similarly, The George Formby Society celebrate their anniversary this year and are holding a concert on Friday 22nd November, which takes place at our beloved hall. Crewe Movie Makers have been invited to record the event. Pay on the Door.

Crewe Movie Makers new Season begins

Crewe Movie Makers begin their new season on Tuesday 15th October and we would invite anyone (ladies as well as gentlemen) to join us if you have an interest in making movies on whatever equipment you may have to hand. We are a small band of ladies and gentlemen who have an interest in film making. Feel free to come along to the Wistaston Memorial Hall and see us and enjoy a cuppa, too!

Looking forward to seeing new, as well as established members.

Nigel Hobbs, our PCSO for Wistaston is sadly moving on from here in September. We are sorry to lose him but he isn't going far, only to Shavington and he will be about from time to time. However he is leaving us in the capable hands of **PCSO Sophie Jebb Bowman.**



Sophie will be joining us from September as our dedicated local ward officer and is looking forward to working with us all in Wistaston.
Sophie is moving from Alsager as a PCSO and has valuable experience to bring with her to Wistaston and Willaston. She is very passionate in her job and will do all she can to ensure residents feel safe. She enjoys foot patrol, working with youth, gathering intelligence, attending community events, speed watch and monitoring road safety. Sophie will adapt from her role as a PCSO in Alsager, to what will best be suited in Wistaston and Willaston. If you see her about, do stop and have a chat; she is very approachable.

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WISTASTON IN BLOOM

Judging of Wistaston for 'Britain in Bloom North West 2019' took place on the 18th July.
Judge David Bielawski was met at the Memorial Hall where representatives from the Parish Council, the Conservation Group, the Litter Picking Group and the Bloom Group all gave a brief outline of their respective activities. This was followed, as in previous years, by the judge being given a tour of the village and the flower beds and an eventual walk through the 'Parkland' area from Church Lane towards Wistaston Green Road with two members of the Conservation Group.

The afternoon went very well and I wish to extend my thanks to all those who attended this meeting. The result will not be known until the end of October or early November.

As in previous years our own judging of residents' front gardens took place in early July and the results for 2019 were as follows with the awards presented at the Flower and Produce Show in St Mary's Church Hall on Saturday 17 August.

Wells Green Ward

1st	Mr & Mrs P Dean	3 Witham Close, Wistaston, CW2 6ST
2nd	Mr & Mrs A Williams	22 Rope Lane, Wistaston CW2 6QW
3rd	Mr D Eastwood	113 Laidon Avenue Wistaston CW2 6QH

St Mary's Ward

1st	Mr P Hughes	29 Kings Drive, Wistaston CW2 8HT
2nd	Mr & Mrs C Ellson	27 Church Lane, Wistaston CW2 8HA
3rd	Mrs A Chalwin	16 Princess Dive, Wistaston CW2 8HP

Wistaston Green Ward

1st	Mr & Mrs G Shore	31 Bowness Road, Wistaston CW2 8RY
2nd	Margaret Malpas & Michael Espley	31 Ambleside Close, Wistaston CW2 8RX
3rd	Mr & Mrs Melling	33 Ambleside Close, Wistaston CW2 8RX

Overall Winner Best Kept Front Garden – Wistaston Parish Cup
Mr & Mrs P Dean 3 Witham Close, Wistaston CW2 6ST
The Best Hanging Basket Display – The Window Surgeon Shield
Mr & Mrs R Leeke 37 Princess Drive Wistaston CW2 8HS
The Best Garden on Commercial Premises – The Brehaut Trophy
Alvaston Hall Hotel, Middlewich Road, CW5 6PD
The Best Garden on Community Premises – The Byatt Trophy
Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club

Congratulations to all the winners.
***Bill Heath*, Hon. Secretary**

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Wistaston Young Drama Group

Drama for the Community

Our members performed at Wistaston Memorial Hall's celebration of 70 years serving the community. The Nantwich News described the performance as "impressive" and you could have heard a pin drop during "The Crabbit Old Woman" written by Phyllis McCormack. Our members thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the fabulous support from the audience.
In June the group took their London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts examination in Choral Speaking.

We have been invited to perform at Nantwich Players Youth Festival in July.

In August we are planning a three day Summer School at the Memorial Hall.

From September we will be starting rehearsals for our end of year production which will be performed at Nantwich Players Theatre in early January. This is a tremendous experience for our members to share with their families. It is an opportunity to perform in a theatre using lighting and sound.



As well as working on basic stagecraft, voice work and general performance we provide the young people with the opportunity to explore their creative skills and working as part of a team.
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 always interested in welcoming young people from our community aged 7 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

So, don't delay, book your place and come and join this vibrant, energetic, creative drama group! Looking forward to meeting you soon.

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BMX Bike Fans enjoy Annual Social Ride

Old school BMX bike fans from around the United Kingdom converged on Crewe on Saturday 25th May 2019 for a social ride in and around the town.

145 people gathered at Crewe railway station in the morning for the 4th annual 'Crewe and Cheshire Old School Ride Out' event, organised by the 'Crewe and Cheshire old school BMX club'.

They rode from the station to The Brocklebank on Weston Road for breakfast and stopped for liquid refreshment at The Raven Inn (Brookhouse Drive), The Woodside (Valley Road, Wistaston) and The Rising Sun Inn (Middlewich Road, Wistaston).



Participants then followed the Crewe-Nantwich Greenway cycleway to Tipkinder Park for the Platform 1 skatepark and the Shanaze Reade BMX track to show off their impressive BMX skills and for a children's BMX race.

The ride finished in the afternoon at The Hop Hole on Wistaston Road in Crewe with BMX-themed trophies and prizes presented to the children's race winner and best bike winners, along with a free prize raffle and a free buffet meal.

Star bikes included a Schwinn MAG Scrambler 1979 owned by Ian Hollands from Leighton Buzzard with Skyway Tuff 1 wheels, a banana seat and the first-ever diamond shape frame and a Haro 2018 Master Flatland limited edition frameset owned by Julian Mortin from Halifax with the frame geometry setup specifically for flatland tricks.

The event was open to all and bikers ranged in age from children to adults. There were participants from Crewe along with visitors from further afield including Congleton, Macclesfield, Telford, Preston, Blackpool, Oxford, Peterborough, London and north Wales.

'Crewe and Cheshire Old School Ride Out' was once again organised by John Collins from Crewe, who this year rode a baby blue colour 'Collins Customs' 1981 BMX bike.

John Collins said 'We had a record turnout of 145 this year and exceeded over one hundred participants for the first time. Our first-ever ride in 2016 had seventeen riders, so we are ecstatic with the response to this year's event. It was great to see such a wide range of BMX bikes. I hope everyone enjoyed the ride and chat. We are always looking for new members, so please get in touch and join us at our next event.'

For further information relating to the 'Crewe and Cheshire old school BMX club' please search Crewe and Cheshire old school BMX club on Facebook.
Many thanks to Jonathan White for this excellent article and photograph.

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Cancer Research UK : Christmas Fair

Memorial Hall Wistaston

Saturday 30 November from 10am to 3pm

Lots of stalls for gifts, cards, cakes, plants, toys
and white elephants!

Plus Tea Room serving drinks and snacks

and, of course,
Father Christmas will be there too!

Answers to Cricket Teasers on page 13.
1. 1744. 2. Melbourne, 5 January, 1971. 3. Lord's, London.
4. Because of earlier days' custom of presenting the bowler with a hat.
5. Leicestershire. 6. John Edrich of England.

Raptors - Birds of Prey and Vultures

Raptors or Birds of Prey and Vultures play a key role in the natural world. From taking out weak prey animals and leaving healthy populations to keeping us humans safe from diseases from which we have no defence. There are approximately 286 species of Raptor in the world, ranging from tiny forest falconets and the African Pygmy Falcon to the mighty Andean condor weighing in at around 33lbs with a wing span approaching 10 feet making it the largest of all Birds of Prey. This excludes the Owls of which there are around 216 species with 18 of those belonging to the Barn Owl family. The largest owl is arguably the Eurasian Eagle Owl with the smallest true owl being the Elf Owl of the Southern United States and Mexico. There are also tiny forest Owlets about the size of a sparrow or smaller.

Of all these birds the Vultures are the most important group and the most misunderstood! Vultures have the strongest stomach acid of all birds. They can take in diseases like Anthrax, Rabies and possibly Ebola and neutralise them in just 24 hrs. We have nothing in our biological armoury that can do that. There are just 23 species of Vulture in the world today. 75% live in Southern Europe, Asia and Africa and out of that 75% , 95% are either endangered or critically endangered.

In July of this year 537 Vultures and 2 Tawny Eagles were found dead as a result of eating poisoned Elephant carcasses in Botswana, Africa. This indiscriminate use of poison by elephant and rhino poachers is rife. The Vultures are the eyes in the sky, Rangers tracking the poachers use Vultures as natural guides to guide them to the crime scene. Quite often its like a wildlife bomb has gone off with many different creatures dead at these sites. Its not uncommon to find Lion, Hyena, Jackal, Leopard, Cheetah etc..... lying dead. This is shocking I know but it needs to be told. Education is the best way to tackle this crisis that we humans have created. By supporting the Vulture organisations such as **Vulpro** who educate local people in Africa about vultures and their role in the earths ecology, we , here in the UK, **CAN** make a difference!

Just to give you some idea how quickly things can go wrong here is what happened back in the mid 90's in India. Cattle are sacred in India and when they die they go to a carcass dump where the vultures would do

their work. After just a few hours little would be left after hundreds of vultures stripped the carcasses bare. Then the cattle started being injected with an anti-inflammatory drug – Diclofenac – the active ingredient in Volterol. Diclofenac is extremely toxic to birds. Around 95% of the wild population of Asian White Rumped Vulture died out over night. Along with several other species that were hard hit.

Meanwhile cattle are still being deposited at the carcass dumps, feral dogs begin to proliferate. Cases of Rabies go out of the roof. Leopards come in to townships to hunt the dogs and are not averse to taking human prey and all of a sudden you have a man-made problem on a massive scale. Thirty years on and they are just getting those iconic sentinels back in the sky over India, Nepal and Bangladesh. The same thing very nearly happened again last year to the Eurasian Griffon Vulture, fortunately the use of Diclofenac as an anti–inflammatory has been banned in Europe.
Please pass this information on to your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They more than anyone else rely on these magnificent birds for their own well-being and that of the rest of the world.
Many thanks to Rod van Daalen for this wonderfully enlightening and very globally important article.
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Drummer Percussionist and Small Props Co-ordinator required.
Shavington Village Festival Committee is a very successful community organisation which is producing its 42nd consecutive annual pantomime in February half term 2020. This is a voluntary organisation and has been nominated several times for 'Best Pantomime in the North West' by NODA. We pride ourselves on being a very professional amateur group with an enthusiastic and talented cast. We are seeking a drummer/percussionist for our next production of 'Snow White'.
If you are interested in joining our friendly group please telephone Barbara on 01270 662713 or 07939849978 for more details.

We are also looking for a Small Props Co-ordinator which entails collecting small props for the show and looking after them the week of the show, Please contact Christine on 01270 567944.

Wistaston Scout Group New Scout Centre

After a five year project to demolish their old Scout Hut and replace it with a brand new building which Wistaston Scouts formally opened on 27th April 2019 in front of an invited audience which included many of the people who helped with the project.
The new building cost over £270,000 all of which was raised by the group. Many grants and donations were received from Cheshire East Council, Wistaston Parish Council, local businesses and a number of charitable trust funds. Over half of the money raised came from the activities of the leaders and young members of the group. Sponsored activities included a canoe journey along the River Severn from source to sea, a cross channel swim, a bicycle ride from London to Brighton using a pre war "sit up and beg" bicycle and many others. Mixed in with these activities, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts undertook a whole host of innovative fund raising ideas, ranging from traditional bag packs at local supermarkets, car washes, pizza baking, a choir concert with afternoon tea through to selling eggs and home baked cakes. All in all, a fantastic achievement.

What a transformation! From this old, well worn nostalgic Scout Hut on the right to the wonderful new Scout Centre below





At the opening John Bennett, the Group Scout Leader spoke about the journey the group had taken from the decision to demolish their old building through the fund raising process to the actual build. In particular he thanked everyone who had helped with the project. He cited examples of the generosity of local businesses in donating money, equipment and time to the build. Although the total cost to the group was £270,000 the building is valued and insured for £325,000. The amount of donated materials and labour therefore is valued at £55,000, an amazing figure.
Gerald Newbrook, the Group President spoke about the history of Wistaston Scouts, he being the first scout to join the group when it was founded in 1958.
The building was blessed by Rev Ken Sambrook, a former Venture Leader and Group Scout Leader with Wistaston Scout Group. This was followed by a few words from Graham Phillips the County Commissioner for Cheshire Scouts.
The formal opening took the form of a traditional flag break, a process carried out every time beavers, cubs or scouts meet. On this occasion the flag break was carried out by Charlie Stones Marshall and Noah Harrison, the two newest invested beavers in the group assisted by the Group President Gerald Newbrook, the longest serving member of the Group.





Lifeboats Three Shires Sportive

On 2nd June at Sandbach RUFC over 500 riders took part in the Three Shires Cycle Ride in aid of the RNLI.

There were three different routes to choose from to suit all abilities, from the family 5km ride, 35km Ride, 85km Ride or for those who wanted to get their teeth into something a little more challenging the 100km or The Triple Crown which was the 3 bigger routes back to back.

Over £7,500 was raised by the riders on that day.



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