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EDITORIAL FOR WINTER 2019

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! **Please send in your articles, photographs etc. for our Spring edition, due out in early March by 15 January.**

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Dates for your Diary see page 25.

Village Duck Race - Saturday 7 September

In its 50th anniversary year Bloor Homes very kindly sponsored the Wistaston Village Duck Race which Lucy Chadwick, below left, Sales Advisor for Bloor attended. **Anne and Nick Garner** bought the winning duck one of the 825 ducks entered but pictured right is runner up Sara Bray with children Star and Heath with Wistonian of the Year, John Wood.





Who could be **Wistonian of the Year?** Calling all clubs, societies and individuals; it's time once again to send your nominations in for someone living in Wistaston who has done something special over time. Complete the form, sending it with a summary of the nominee's achievements to Dane Chaplow, 30 Westfield Drive, Wistaston to arrive by 4 January 2020 . We need to find a worthy winner for this award.

We, the undersigned nominate :

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Address……

Proposer - Name…….
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Best wishes for the Christmas season, Mike (Rector).

14 December (Saturday) - 6pm - Carols on the Green
(beginning on the Triangle)
22 December (Sunday) - 6pm - A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
24 December (Tuesday) 6pm Crib Service including the Nativity Play
11.30pm - Midnight Holy Communion
25th December (Christmas Day) - 10.40am
Holy Communion for Christmas for all the family

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Wells Green Church - Christmas Services

Wednesday 11 December at 7.30pm
Concert for *Action for Children*

Sunday 22 December at 6.00pm
Carol Service

Tuesday 24 December at 4.00pm
Nativity/Christingle Service

Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day at 10.30am
Christmas Day Service

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Films with a message still to be seen at Wells Green:
Sunday 19 Jan: A young man survives falling through a frozen lake.
Sunday 16 Feb: 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.

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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. PARISH AWARDS

I am pleased to report our success in the community competitions. These are keenly fought by hundreds of villages throughout the North West and to win major prizes two years running is an outstanding achievement.

a) North West in Bloom

- A gold award for general excellence
- A special award to our Conservation Group for outstanding work

b) Community Pride Competition

- Best Kept Village Award
- Little Gem Award for the Church Lane Flower Bed opposite Wistaston Memorial Hall

Congratulations and thanks are expressed to our Wistaston in Bloom, Litter Picking and Conservation Groups and the many residents who help make this a success. (Copy of the judges comments included - see page 11).

VANDALISM

We reported earlier this year of our concerns on both antisocial behaviour and vandalism. Despite all our efforts broken glass on our children's playground still occurs and is a particular risk to users. An example of our latest vandalism is to the small picnic table which requires replacement at a cost of approximately £700. We would appeal to residents to report incidents to Councillors or our Clerk.

3. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

There have been a number of changes to our local team and the day to day coordination has been taken over by Martin McCormack replacing Andy Bicknell. Work has been helped by our new PCSO Sophie Bowman, with more active checks using the Police Tru-cam (enforceable fines result). Feedback from residents state they are seeing improvements. New members are always welcome, if interested please contact our Clerk

4. CIVIC SERVICE

We have now scheduled our yearly service held at St. Mary's Church on 9th February 2020 at 2.30 p.m. Residents are welcome to join the Service.

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 December 2020, 16th January 2020 and 20th February 2020.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Festive Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cllr. J. Moore - Chairman

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Wistaston Gardeners' Society - Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston
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January 14	**Jeff Maddocks**	**The Yew Tree**
February 11	**John Wood**	**Conservation**
March 10	**Annual General Meeting and Supper**	

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Derrick Millington	**9 Chesterton Drive, Wistaston, CW2 8EA**	**664471**
Bob Squirrell	**6 Beaumont Close, Wistaston CW2 8BU**	**569803**

Wells Green Ward (Three Councillors - 1 vacancy)

John Moore (Chairman)	**50 Laidon Avenue, Wistaston, CW2 6QH**	**661924**
Graham Roberts	**29 Berkeley Crescent, Wistaston, CW2 6QA**	**568521**

Wistaston Green Ward (Five councillors - 2 vacancies

Ryan Moore	**36 Thirlmere Road, Wistaston, CW2 8AQ.**
John Scott	**28 Davenham Crescent, Crewe CW2 7RZ**
Vicky Smith	**10 Buckingham Close, Wistaston CW2 8JE**

Clerk to the Council

Mrs. Andrea Cross	**4 Arundel Close, Wistaston. CW2 8EY**	**652098**

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Wistaston Church Lane Academy

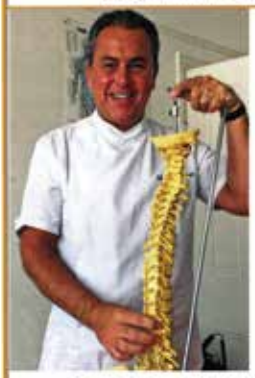
This term, we have been really busy at Wistaston Church Lane Academy. Many year groups have been out of school on educational visits to inspire their learning in the classroom. Year 1 have been to Attingham Park, Year 4 have been to the DEWA Roman Museum in Chester, Year 5 have been to Bramall Hall and Year 6 have been to Eden Camp. They have learnt lots of new things and tried some new experiences along with all the fun. In addition, Year 3 went to Delemere Forest as the first residential visit of the year, where they learnt survival skills and did many fun activities such as orienteering, a nature walk and den building.

We have also been busy in school this term. We have had anti-bullying week, where we were able to learn how to get on with everybody throughout the school. Reception have had a new outdoor learning and playing area which includes climbing equipment and they seem to be enjoying it an awful lot. We also had a book fair, where we raised lots of money to buy books for our school. Finally, there have been lots of after school clubs on offer this term, including sports clubs, craft clubs and Newspaper Club.

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Judges Comment Sheet 2019 : Wistaston in Bloom

Village – Wistaston – Winner

Section 1 – Appearance of shops, farm shops, inc shop window displays. Condition of paved areas and parking areas.
All shops tidy in appearance, parking areas good and no evidence of litter. Huntsbank Business Centre frontage particularly attractive with excellent flower beds.

Section 2 – Railway station, bus shelters, Telephone kiosks, public toilets, notice boards, public car parks, exterior of schools.
School exteriors well maintained. Public parking areas tidy. Notice boards all have up to date information on them.

Section 3 – Public Houses and surroundings, Commercial premises and Garden Centres, Village Halls, other meeting places and their surroundings.
Public Houses all had excellent floral displays and appeared to be well maintained.
Commercial and Industrial premises tidy in appearance as were the Village and Memorial Halls.

Section 4 – Sports and social clubs, War Memorials, other historical artefacts, churchyards, chapels, cemeteries, parks and allotments, garden centres, children's play areas.
Social clubs neat and tidy as were the churchyards with grass neatly cut and well kept.
Children's Play area tidy and inviting.
Memorials all well looked after, beautiful flower displays and newly painted benches.

Section 5 – Tidiness of verges, hedges, traffic islands. Floral displays etc. Ponds, Streams and Canals
The general tidiness of Wistaston is very impressive, the floral displays being exceptional.
Pathways through the conservation area well maintained.
The allotments are neat and tidy.

Section 6 – Litterbins and litter, graffiti, dog fouling, weeds
Litterbins well maintained, no evidence of graffiti but unfortunately there was some dog fouling in the conservation area noted on all visits.

Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

For Wistaston Village Cricket Club, 2019 saw another season of mixed fortunes for our senior and junior sides.

Our **First Eleven** plying their trade in the strong **UK East Cheshire Cricket League Division 4** certainly found the season challenging and to their credit finished their campaign in **5th position.** This was a significant improvement on the previous season when they finished **9th.** The abandonment of some five fixtures did not help in any way and although it is easy to speculate how matches may have finished if fixtures had not been affected by the weather, and extra ten points from those five abandoned matches would have seen the side finish in third position. **2019 Playing Record:-**

Played 22, Won 11, Drawn 1, Lost 5, Abandoned 5. Points 309. 5th position of twelve.

Our **Second Eleven,** competing in **Cheshire Cricket League - Division C North/South** enjoyed another productive season which saw them finishing **8th position**. In the light of having to release players to the **Ist Eleven** on a regular basis makes their final achievement in **2019** even more remarkable. A job well done!! **2019 Playing Record:-**

Played 22, Won 8, Lost 10, Abandoned 4. Points 286. 8th position out of fourteen.

Our Third Eleven campaigning in the **Stone and District Sunday Cricket League Division B (North)** finished fifth in their league managing two outright successes and one winning draw in their ten fixtures.

2019 Playing Record:- Played 10, Won 3, Lost 7. Points 99. 5th position out of six.

Our junior teams playing in **The South Cheshire Junior Cricket League**, had mixed success with their cricket during **2019.** Feed-backs from respective coaches indicate that cricket was enjoyed by all participating, which bears well for the future of our club.

2019 Playing Record:- Under 9's

Played 12, Won 2, Lost 7, Abandoned 1, Cancelled 2. Points 38. 12th position out of 13.

2019 Playing Record:- Under 11,s

Played 14, Won 3, Lost 6, Cancelled 4, Tied 1. Points 59. 12th position out of 15.

Our **Women's First Eleven (The Swans)** participating in the **Cheshire Women's Cricket League - Division 2** had another testing season. Despite their **2019** campaign, spirits are high within club and there is a positive attitude for **2020.**

Presentation Evening Saturday 16th November.

N.B. Because the date of our presentation evening for our senior players fell well after the time for the acceptance of editorials for inclusion in the **Winter edition of Roundabout** it was not possible to publish the recipients of various awards.

Full details of individual winners of our Ist Eleven, 2nd Eleven, Sunday Eleven and Ladies Eleven (The Swans) awards, will hopefully be published in the **Spring 2020** edition of **Roundabout.**

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

LADY PLAYERS REQUIRED FOR THE FORTHCOMING 2020 CRICKET SEASON

Wistaston Village Cricket Club would like to welcome new members from ladies, irrespective of age or ability, who have harboured the idea of playing cricket but have neither had the opportunity or self-belief of taking the next step. New players will be guaranteed a warm welcome to our cricket club so take the next important step towards playing cricket, please contact either **Pauline or Kevin Jobbins** on **01270 483494**, for more details on what our cricket club can offer you.

The cricket club holds Bingo evenings every **third Friday** of each month (**September – April/May**) at the **Wistaston Pavilion Lounge** to raise funds and a warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to join us.

We offer cricket to adults and juniors (boys and girls) 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: - 01270 483494** in the first instance. For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins 01270 483494.**

Winter nets:

At the time of submitting my editorial, final details were not available for ourWinter nets. Please contact **Kevin Jobbins: - 01270 483494** for the latest information.

John Avery **"Zusammen", 13 Lear Drive, Wistaston, Tel 0781 7082678**

Just for Fun. Six of the Best

1. **Which county did Jack Hobbs play for?**
2. **Which batsman's nickname was 'The Barnacle'?**
3. **What was the result of the 1995-96 Test series between South Africa and England ?**
4. **Which cricket commentator on radio was known as 'Johnners'?**
5. **Which bowler Dominic took a Test hat-trick in 1995 ?**
6. **Which county did Barry Richards play for?** **Answers on page 25**

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Wistaston Conservation Group

Another great session with a lot achieved. Average attendance of the working party has been 9, but one day we had our record number of 13 out.

Award: I am extremely pleased to announce that, as last year, we have been awarded "Outstanding" in Britain in Bloom, but this year the award is not for Wistaston Parkland but for our Group by name.

I wish to record my thanks to all members of our working party for all they have, and continue to do, to make such an award possible. It is also great that, when Terry our webmaster announced the award on our website and our Facebook page, we received a lot of positive comments on what a great job we are doing. We have also had thanks from the Parish Council, so keep the positives coming in, it makes all our work so much more pleasant.

Rookery Covert: Some years ago we cleared a large area, planted a lot of trees, and cut a path through the covert. Since then the undergrowth has taken over, so we have cut back all the edges of the covert from the Beech Drive carpark, and planted many new trees from our tree nursery.

The path had become non-existent, so we have again cut our way through the bramble to open up the path again. It was great to see that we had only finished the path 5 minutes, when a lady and her dog emerged, having used what we had completed. Thus we did not need an opening ceremony, or red tape, the lady had done it for us.



Hole in Hedge: Last edition I noted that a car had had an accident and gone through the hedge, just up from Joey-the-Swan. The Parish Council asked us to carry out a repair of the hedge, and kindly paid for the two foot Hawthorne trees. This job has now been successfully completed, although we all got very wet doing it.

Joey-the-Swan Pond: Have you ever noticed that weeds, those lovely plants in the wrong place, grow a lot faster than the plants that we want? This has been the case around the pond, and we spent two sessions cutting back all the edges and pulling all the weed out of the water. The small drains from Beech Drive, which keep the pond topped up with water were all completely blocked, so they have now been cleaned out, and water is again flowing into the pond.

The bridge we built has now subsided, and so we have another job to put on the list for future attention.

Tree Nursery: When we received 420 tree whips some time ago from the Woodland Trust, we decided they were too small to plant where we wanted them, so we constructed a tree nursery to bring them on for future planting.

As noted above, the undergrowth grew very much quicker than the trees which meant we had to clear all the weeds from around the trees to see what trees we still had and which were not big enough to plant out. We are now using these trees in several projects, in several areas, mainly in the Rookery Covert area as noted above.

Boardwalk: I noted in an earlier edition of Roundabout that the Parish Council had asked us to completely rebuild the boardwalk in Hinging Bank Covert.

This job was completed some time ago, but the number of feet that have passed over it have worn the chicken wire surface, which stops the woodwork from being slippery in wet weather, considerably. We have been asked to completely resurface the boardwalk with a better quality of material, so that it will, hopefully last a lot longer. This job should have been completed by the time you read this.

Damage to Steps: We have been asked to consider improvements to the steps in both Hinging Bank Covert and Old Covert. The latter will only require cleaning up and more shale adding to the surface, but the former are in a bad way and will need completely rebuilding. Our estimate for these jobs has been submitted to the Parish Council, and we hope to report progress in the next edition.

Kissing Gates: The new kissing gates we put in some time ago were completely overgrown, and the path unsafe due to hidden woodwork. We have now cleared the gates, and recut the paths.

Duck Race: As usual we had a stand at the Duck race to answer questions on conservation, and to showcase the work of the group.

For the first time we put a donation box out and were pleasantly surprised at the contents by the end of the show. Our only regular income is from this and the village Fete, so such donations make it possibly for us to continue to improve our area “for future generations”. We are extremely grateful to both the Parish Council and the Community Council for their support, both in cash and material, as and when required.

As usual, if you have any conservation issues you would like to discuss, any ideas to improve the Wistaston locality, or if you would like to consider joining us, either contact one of the group or come along and meet us any Monday morning. We meet at 0930, with a welcome coffee and biscuit break at about 1100, so if you time it right you may get a free brew.Where we are working any Monday is usually noted on our website at www.wistastonconservationgroup.org.uk

John M Wood, Chairman

Rookery Covert before and after!





WISTASTON IN BLOOM

For the second year in succession Wistaston in Bloom won the Gold Award in the Town Category at the 'Britain in Bloom' (North West) 2019 awards. They received their certificate at a ceremony at the Southport Convention Centre on 1st November 2019.

Wistaston Conservation Group won the 'It's Your Neighbourhood Award of Level 5 - Outstanding', for the second consecutive year, for the Joey the Swan Parkland in Wistaston from The Royal Horticultural Society and North West in Bloom.
Other areas of south Cheshire won gold awards including Alvaston Hall Hotel, Willaston Village, Audlem Village and Nantwich Town.

Wistaston also won the Cheshire Community Action 'Best Kept Village Competition 2019 - population 5,000-10,000' and 'Best Kept Village Competition 2019 - Little Gem' awards. The Little Gem award was for the flowerbed on the corner of Westfield Drive and Church Lane. The certificates and a metal plaque were received at a ceremony in Ellesmere Port on 4th November 2019. The plaque will be fixed to an end wall at Wistonia Stores on Kings Drive in Wistaston.

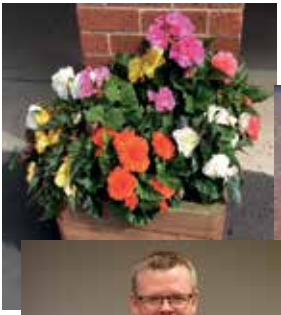
Bill Heath, Secretary of Wistaston in Bloom, said: 'Members of the Bloom Group, the Wistaston Conservation Group, Parish Council, Park Ranger, Jim Dentith from Crewe Road Nurseries, together with residents, all played their part in winning these prestigious awards. We hope to keep up the standard and win a third Gold Award in 2020.'

North West in Bloom is the voluntary regional organisation that administers the Britain in Bloom competition in Lancashire, Cheshire, Greater Manchester and Merseyside, and is one of the 18 regions and Nations that comprise Britain in Bloom. *Many thanks to Jonathan White for article and Award Photos*



Line up from left: Mervyn Bellis; John Wood; Gwyneth Brown; David Clewes; John Moore; Bill and Helen Heath; Jim Dentith.

Wistaston wins Gold Again at the Britain in Bloom Awards

















Wistaston Flower Club

We are a friendly club which meets on the first Wednesday of each month (except for January) at 2.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston. We have had a fabulous year being entertained by some talented floral demonstrators, each creating several beautiful floral designs accompanied by interesting talks and plenty of laughter. At the end of the afternoon all the arrangements are raffled, lucky winners take home some stunning flowers.

During the afternoon our sales table offers many varied items including plants, gifts and floristry supplies. Refreshments are also available.

Alongside our monthly meetings we have supported Wistaston Village Fete and participated in Wistaston Village Flower and Produce Show where members scooped prizes in several classes. Members also won prizes at the Nantwich Show where judging took place before the show was cancelled. We have enjoyed workshops where we learnt new skills and picked up fresh ideas. In August we enjoyed an Afternoon Tea with a most entertaining demonstration of theatre makeup.

Our Annual General Meeting was held in October followed by a delicious lunch. Members are looking forward to visiting Arley Hall in early December to see the hall decorated for Christmas and to enjoy a demonstration of floral art by the talented Jonathan Moseley.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to visitors and new members. You don't have to be a flower arranger, just come along and enjoy an entertaining, relaxing and social afternoon with us.

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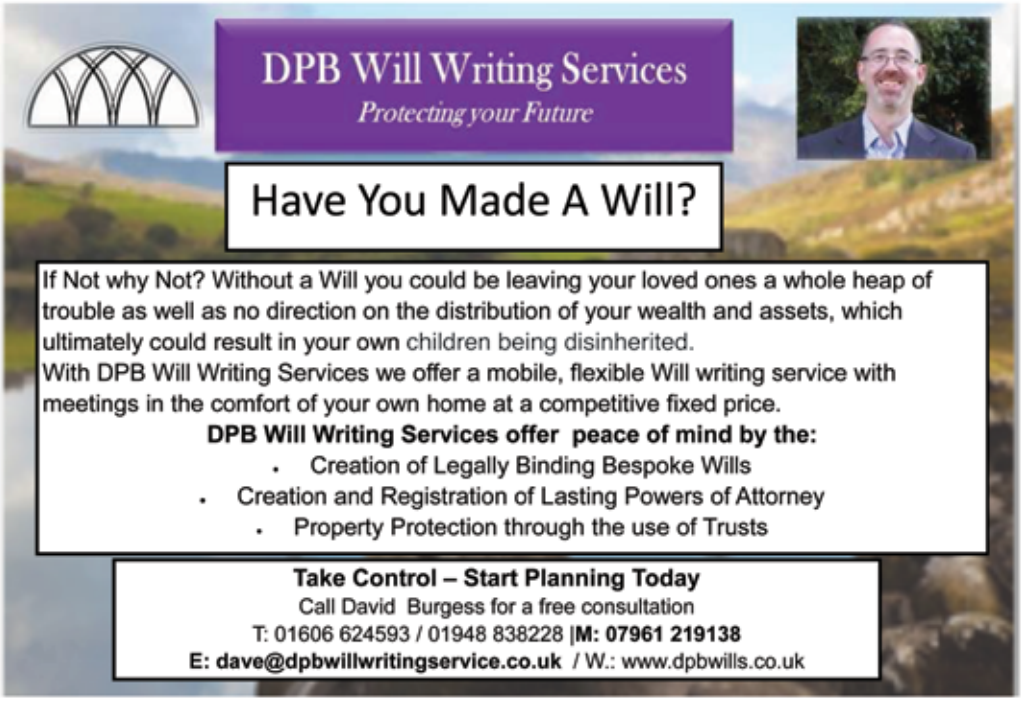
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Our PCSO Sophie brings us up to date.



Hi all,
We have had a spout of theft from motor vehicles over the past week. This has mainly occurred in the Wistaston area, and one report in Willaston. Electrical equipment and monies were taken. Please ensure you protect yourself, and remove all belongings out of sight. Always lock your cars and with this cold weather, don't leave your car running and pop into the house whilst it's de-icing. Please make it difficult for thieves and ensure you report any suspicious behaviour to us on 101. Or 999 if a crime is in progress.

On a positive note: a fantastic turn out at both Willaston and Wistaston on Sunday 10th November for the memorial!
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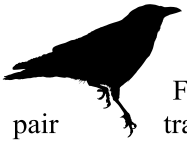
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Nature Article



For two days at end of July we were honoured with a nuthatch pair travelling upside down on the boughs of our tree. The name of this bird comes from its wedging of nuts in bark and splitting them open with blows from its spear like bill. Its habit is to creep headfirst down a trunk in mouse like manner. Diagnostics: slaty back, buff beneath, black eye-stripe.

Rarely can we say we have a garden full of house sparrows, but we can this year as we can quite believe the nesters in no.1 of our sparrow terrace had their total of three broods. On our opening the backdoor on 13 September a flock of around a dozen house sparrows flew from border shrubs: the most seen for years and probably progeny from the several broods produced in the terrace box.
Vic and Meinie Barnett received their first male bullfinch this year. The first of anything is a special treat.

In summertime we can watch birds go from juvenile into adult plumage. Starlings are perhaps most handsome when 'half 'n' half': fluffy brown back, spotted black belly.

One day we came home to find a female sparrowhawk plucking a wood pigeon at the kerbside opposite our house in Sandylands Park. She started to devour the prey, but, wary of intruders, endeavoured to drag the pigeon up the steep allotments bank, into cover of trees. The prey was too heavy, and after two attempts the hawk gave up and vanished; the pigeon duly sliding back to kerbside. The hawk did return several times between our first sighting at 10.15 a.m. and our last at 2.00 p.m., deciding it was easier to pick at its meal in situ. The final outcome was a tug of war between two magpies!

In early August Tina and Ken Booth, also of Sandylands Park, found a humming-bird hawk-moth on their buddleia. This moth is an immigrant to Britain from southern Europe, arriving usually mid-summer, the larvae feeding July and August. It is seen all over the country but is not too successful at overwintering, tending to migrate south. Eggs are laid particularly on bedstraw or related plants and the moth will frequent parks and gardens well stocked with flowers. As the name suggests, there is a close resemblance to a hummingbird. It seems to have been a good butterfly year, with painted ladies and red admirals the most common from our own perspective, always disregarding the ubiquitous whites. September is the month when our craneflies (the familiar daddy-long-legs) become lethargic and tend to end their lives clinging to windows or helpless on the floor.

To prove that hedgehogs have not died out in Wistaston we have received a lovely photo. from Irene Johnson of Lydgate Close, of two 'hogs' devouring their evening meal in an idyllic garden setting.



Here's looking forward to the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness as we believe someone once wrote about.
Our thanks to all contributors.
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Santa Float - Rotary Club of Crewe throughout December

December	Area 2019	S.time	Assembly Point	Finish Point
Mon 2nd Dec	Wistaston Emmerdale	1800	Woodside Pub	Wistaston Memorial Hall (rm on left)
Tues 3rd	Gresty Rd	1715	New Life Centre	New Life Centre
Wed 4th	Alton St	1800	Mountbatten Court	Mountbatten Court
Thurs 5th	Middlewich St	1730	Elms	Elms
Fri 6th	Marshfield Bank	1800	Georges	Georges
Sat 7th	Wistaston1	1630	New Life Centre	New Life Centre
Mon 9th	Hungerford Rd	1800	Hungerford School	Hunters Lodge
Tues 10th	Haslington 1	1800	Haslington Layby	Yoxall Institute
Wed 11th	Ruskin Rd	1730		
Thurs 12th	Coppenhall Sedgemere	1730		The Academy
Fri 13th	Wistaston Poets	1730	Yew Tree Rd	Wistaston Memorial Hall
Sat 14th	Wistaston 2	1630	Laidon Avenue	
Sun 15th	ASDA	10.00-16.00		
Mon 16th	Haslington 2	1745	The Cozy Club	St Mathews Church Hall
Tues 17th	Underwood Lane	1800		
Wed 18th				
Thurs 19th				
Fri 20th	TESCO	0900 -1900		
Sat 21st	MORRISONS	0900 - 1900		
Sun 22nd	Minshull New Road			
Mon 23rd				

Cheshire Wildlife Trust - Evening Talks Winter 2019/20

'British Wildlife - Hedgehogs and the WildAid Foundation Trust' by Charlie Pass 18th March 2020 20.00 - 22.00

Venue: Methodist Church, Hospital Street, Nantwich CW5 7BX
Cost:£3 including refreshments.Contact: Irmgard Ralfs 01270 624835

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Wistaston Young Drama Group

Drama for the Community

In June the group took their London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts examination in Choral Speaking and were awarded a Distinction! This is a tremendous result for the group. Thank you to parents for your support. Photograph across shows some of our members with their LAMDA certificates.

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

A three day Summer School was well attended and the children spent time working on a show piece, some of which was performed to parents and family at the end of the session. Well done to everyone who participated.

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 wonderful experience for our members to share with their families. It is an opportunity to perform in a theatre using lighting and sound.

In November our members have been asked to perform at the Service of Remembrance in Wistaston Memorial Hall.

As well as working on basic stage-craft, 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 to join this vibrant, energetic creative drama group! Looking forward to meeting you soon.

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For more information :
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Wistaston Young Drama Group proudly display their LAMDA certificates



Dates for your Diary - 2019/20

Friday 6 December -	**Christmas Concert in the Church Hall 7pm**
Saturday 20 June	Village Fete
Saturday 15 August -	Flower and Produce Show, Church Hall.
Saturday 5 (12) Sept.	Model Boat and Duck Race
Saturday 7 November	Firework Display
Sunday 8 November -	Service of Remembrance 3pm
Friday 4 December -	Christmas Concert in the Church Hall

Answers to Cricket Quiz on page 13. 1. Surrey; 2. Trevor Bailey; 3. South Africa won 1.0; 4. Brian Johnson; 5.Dominic Cork; 6. Hampshire.

Wistaston 35th Scouts Report

Wistaston scouts enjoyed another successful summer camp this year when we returned to one of our favourite sites in Criccieth, North Wales. This year our camp had a medieval theme with all the patrols being named after a Knight of the Round Table and the entrance to camp marked by our very own castle. It was also the theme to our on-site day on the Tuesday when all the leaders ran different activities such as walking stick making, rope making, cooking pizza using a plant pot or roasting our own coffee. Some scouts also took great delight in throwing sponges at some of the leaders in the stocks! But the highlight of the day was our evening meal where everyone came together in the marquee to enjoy a hog roast dressed up in their medieval outfits!

During the rest of the week the scouts took part in various activities such as walks, beach trips with a few paddles in the sea, pioneering projects to make some useful camp gadgets and cooking their meals on fires. But I think it would be safe to say the activities the scouts enjoyed most were the Segway adventure and the water activities of kayaking and raft building. Plus of course our annual activities of a beach day, this year at Harlech beach and patrol shopping where each patrol plan, shop and cook a three-course meal for themselves.

It was a fantastic week away but the one thing that would never go away was the smiles on the scouts faces! Regardless of the task or the weather smiles were seen on everyone's face which created a great atmosphere around camp. Especially with a large cohort of first-time summer campers there was a very high standard of camping by all patrols with everyone pulling and working together when hard work was required. A massive thank you has to go to all the leaders without whom the whole week just wouldn't be possible! But now our attention turns to summer camp 2020 … ***Tom Austin*** **– ASL Thursday Scouts**





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Wistaston Village 42nd Annual Firework Display Saturday 2 November. Commentary from Jonathan White's account and photographs from Chris White.





The evening began with a torchlight, fancy dress and pumpkin parade led by bagpiper Reg Flower to the Fire-works and Dane Chaplow stressed that thanks were due to so many for such a successful evening, Dutton Contractors and Pochin Construction for making the parade possible; the organisers of the Eric Swan Sports Ground, Gekostar Fireworks for the fantastic display; Redshift Radio for providing the sound and commentary, Kelly-Ann Davies our very unwitchified witch seen above with Ben Leech counting down to blast-off! and everyone who came to watch! There was a wonderful selection of pumpkins and fancy dress with winners judged by John Wood as follows: Fancy dress 1st prize Ben Leech; 2nd Bella Ullmer, 3rd Ruby; Pumpkins: Henry Wrighton, Bella Ullmer and Seth Wrighton.



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Wistaston Scout Group - Armistice Day tribute -

many thanks to Jonathan White

The Group have put together an impressive vertical display of poppies made of plastic bottle ends painted red. The display is accompanied by two silhouetted soldiers and also commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Normandy Landings (D-Day) and is located outside their new Scout Centre in Bluebell Wood.




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Wistaston's 38th Annual Flower and Produce Show Saturday 15 August 2020

Schedule of Classes

Entry fee - 30p per class. Children's Classes Free. First Prize for each class £2

Section F - Flower Classes

F1. Bowl of Sweet Peas, mixed colours, 15 stems minimum.
F2. A specimen Rose in a vase.
F3. Three Large Gladioli, any variety or varieties.
F4. Three Pom Pom Dahlias, any varity or varieties.
F5. Three Cactus or Semi-Cactus Dahlias any variety or varieties.
F6. Three Decorative Dahlias, any variety or varieties.
F7. A Single Stem of any Flowering Plant (not in schedule) in a vase.
F8. Single Geranium Head in a Vase
F9. Six French Marigolds, any variety or varieties.
F10. A Shallow Bowl of Floating Flower Heads - arranged for effect.
F11. A Vase of Mixed Flowers - home grown. .
F12. A Cactus.
F13. A Geranium in a Pot - with saucer.
F14. A Begonia in a Pot - with saucer.
F15. Flowering Plant in a Pot, with saucer, excluding plants from Class 19.
F16. A Foliage Plant in a Pot, with saucer,
F17. Six Fuchsia Heads on a Board.
F18. A Fuchsia in a 9cm Pot, with saucer, any variety.
F19. Alpine Garden - 25cm x 25 cm max.

Section V - Vegetable Classes.

V1. A Vegetable not on Schedule - please specify on entry form.
V2. Five White Potatoes on a Plate - any variety.
V3. Five Coloured Potatoes on a Plate, any variety
V4. Three Onions - roots shown, not to exceed 225 grams each. See Rule 21.
V5. Six Carrots - tops trimmed to 8cm
V6. Five Ripe Tomatoes - not cherry variety - on a Plate.
V7. Nine Shallots - Large - over 30mm in diameter.
V8. Three Round Beetroot - tops trimmed to 8cm.
V9. One Vegetable Marrow - with stalk.
V10 . One Lettuce - roots shown
V11 . One Cucumber - with stalk.
V12.. A Truss of Tomatoes - not cherry variety - some ripe..
V13. A Truss of a Named Variety of Cherry Tomatoes on a plate - some ripe.
V14.. Five Ripe Cherry Tomatoes on a plate - variety to be named.
V15. Six Runner Beans - all with some stalk.
V16. Six Dwarf Beans - all with some stalk.
V17. Three Courgettes - each with some stalk.
V18. A Single Pot of Three Different Herbs

Section D - Wistaston Parish Council Vegetable Display

Dl. A Collection of Five Different Classes of Vegetables..

Section B - Harvest Basket

B1. A Basket containing Fruit, Flowers & Produce - not to exceed 46cm in width and length; height unrestricted.

Section A - Flower Arrangements - please read rule 20.

A1.) *Themes to be*
A2.) a*greed.*

Section H - Housecraft Classes - please cover entries with transparent covering.

H1. A jar of Home Made Strawberry Jam;
H2. A jar of Home **Made Jam - not Strawberry**
H3. A jar of Home Made Chutney.
The above three items to have cellophane covers only.
H4. Three pieces of Shortbread
H5 Five Square Flapjacks
H6 Five Jam Tarts
H7 A Plate of Five Chocolate Butterfly Cakes
H8 A Lemon Drizzle Cake baked in a loaf tin.
H9. A Cheesecake, approx.20cm in diameter presented on a plate.
H10.A Victoria Sponge Cake - read Rule 19 carefully.
H11 Five Cheese Scones
H12 A Quiche , approx. 20cm in diameter, presented on a plate.
H13.An Apple Pie approx.20cm in diamter, short crust pastry top and bottom, presented on a plate.
H14. Five Decorated Cup Cakes.

Section W. Beverages.

W1 A Bottle of Home Made Fruit/Vegetable/Flower Wine 75 ml bottle, not from a kit.

Section Y - Hobby Crafts - Please read Rule 18

Y1. A Knitted Toy
Y2. A Crochet Toy.
Y3. A Painting - own original work, A4 max size, unframed..
Y4. A Decorated Plant Pot.10-15cm diameter pot
Y5 Any craft not on schedule. Specify on entry form.

Section C - Children's Classes - free to enter.

C1. Pre-school)
C2. Under 12's)
) Themes to be
C3. Under 12's .) agreed
C4 . Under 12's)
C5. Under12's)

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 8August 2020.

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