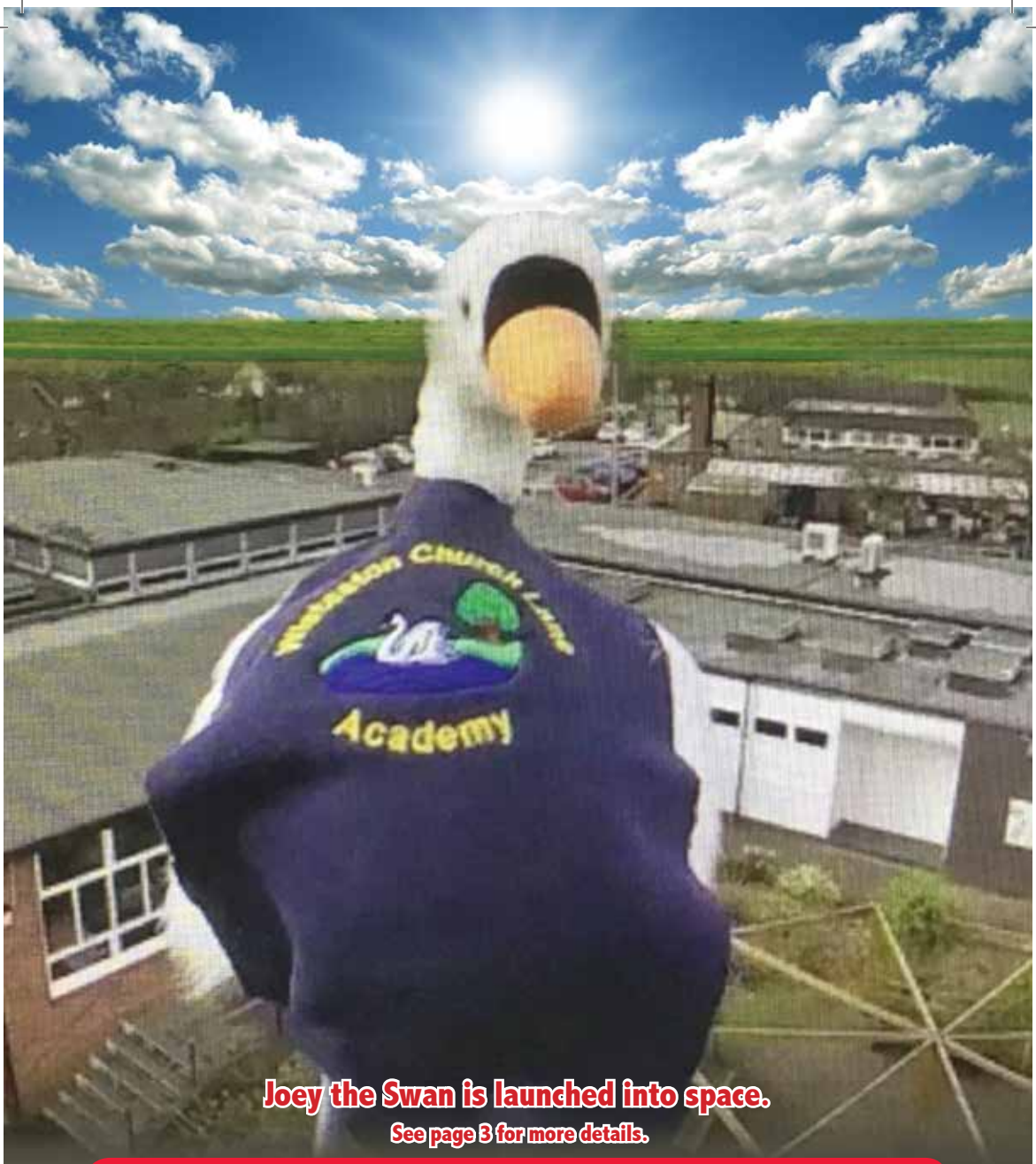


Joey the Swan is launched into space.

See page 3 for more details.

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EDITORIAL FOR AUTUMN 2020

We're in the midst of very strange times but do hope you all keep well and fit and that we'll soon be back meeting friends etc. although nothing will ever be the same again. In the past we have taken for granted our freedom to go where and whenever we liked.

Sadly all our events in 2020 have now been cancelled but we're looking ahead to 2021! ***See below.***
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! Especially in these times. **Please send in your articles, photographs etc. for our Winter edition, due out in early December by 15 October.**

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The story behind the Front Cover. This wonderful photograph came in too late to be included in the last edition but the story was on page 25 of the Summer Roundabout. Just before lock down pupils at Wistaston Church Lane Academy gathered on the playground and watched as the weather balloon inflated and Joey the Swan, kitted out with a school jumper, was attached. GPS and video equipment were included so that children could track the three hour journey. Joey travelled up through the clouds and into the earth's atmosphere. He landed just after 3pm in a field near Lincoln. It isn't clear whether because of lock down he has been allowed to return!
Flower & Produce Show: As we have not been able to hold this year's Flower and Produce Show, we're asking that prize winners from the 2019 Flower and Produce Show could please hold on to their trophies until next year.

Keep up to date with what is happening by checking on our website and Facebook page - you will find everything there!

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 5 (12) Sept.	Model Boat and Duck Race	- **Cancelled**
Saturday 7 November	Fireworks : Brittles	**- Cancelled**
Friday 4 December	Christmas Concert in the Church Hall	- **Cancelled**

We're now looking at dates for 2021

Saturday 19 June 2021 Wistaston Village Fete
Saturday 21 August 2021 Flower and Produce Show
Saturday 4 (11) September 2021 Model Boat and Duck Race
Saturday 6 November 2021 Fireworks - Brittles
Sunday 14 November 2021 Service of Remembrance 3pm Memorial Hall
Friday 3 December 2021 Christmas Concert

St Mary's Church - Rev Mike Turnbull, Rector of St Mary's Church has been giving some thought to returning to public worship. He has prepared a roadmap, an aspiration and it may change; nothing on it is set in stone; if we've learnt nothing else this year it is that there are no certainties in life.

It was very difficult closing our churches but the matter of re-opening them is proving to be much more challenging. Guidance and advice regarding the spread of Covid-19 is changing almost daily on a local, national and international level.

From 6 September it is hoped that a 9.30am Service will be held at St Mary's (Communion) most weeks which would entail booking in advance. The numbers able to attend will be limited and will be dependent upon household sizes and the seating plan of the church allowing for safe distancing measures. It is hoped that those who have not been able to access online worship will, if they feel it's right for them, attend and be given priority. It is hoped that Live Streamed Services will continue for the majority but the time will be moved back to 11am.

It is envisaged that Private Prayer sessions will continue to be offered twice a week. (Please refer to the church website or notices on the church door).

Rev Mike hopes and prays that we will be able to move forward by small safe steps towards a time when we can all worship together.

Wistaston Sports & Leisure

The Brittles has partly re-opened mainly for outdoor activities.

Cricket has resumed as of 19th July and will run until the end of September; this involves players arriving ready changed and placing their kit on the outfield.The pavilion remains closed and the only facilities open are the toilets and score box (which doubles as a bar). Sanitising of hands is required every 6 overs.

Football has also resumed again with players arriving ready changed, how this will work on a wet day when they are covered in mud we are not sure!

With regard to the main building the only use at present is by Slimming World who operate under strict covid-19 guidelines. All other activities are yet to resume for example U3A.

No party bookings are being considered until early 2021.

We await further government instuctions regarding changing rooms.

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Laurie Twiss Award

Thank you to all you wonderful writers who entered for the Laurie Twiss Award by 31 July in very difficult circumstances.

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Selection Committee

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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. Lockdown and Parish meetings.
With the easing of restrictions and new Government guidance, open Council meetings are planned to resume in September. Our venue, the Memorial Hall, has put in place rules for hygiene, wearing of masks and social distancing with limits on the number of attendees. The next meeting is scheduled for the 17th September 2020 at 7.30pm. Public attendees will be restricted to 8.

2. Volunteer work.
I am pleased to report our groups of litter picking and conservation have restarted their activities. Discarded litter has shown a significant increase to previous levels in the last few months and on their first outing usually about an hour they collected 10 bags of litter, 21 dog bags and 5 nitrous oxide canisters. Fly tipping was also reported. A new larger Parish bin has replaced the old bin at Joey the Swan Recreation land to help with the identified overflow problems.

3. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and vandalism.
Considerable problems are being experienced around our Children's playground with signs destroyed, extensive litter and broken glass. We have in place a routine of continuous cleaning however we ask parents to be aware and report potential risks. Our PCSO has been informed and additional Police presence has been requested.

4. Council Projects.
During the past 17 months, residents will be aware of two Wistaston Parish Council funded projects, namely a Playground Light and a static Speed Indicator Sign (SID) in Broughton Lane. Despite many emails to Cheshire East Council (CEC) Highways most of which have had no reply we cannot progress the installations. A recent further senior level request was made this week but again had no response. Our CEC councillor Margaret Simon who has been supportive to our requests has also been helping to initiate replies. Your council has worked hard to develop solutions to two major Parish concerns however these cannot proceed without CEC committing to help. Consequently, we are forced to place our projects on hold.
If residents wish to help, they can register their views of support with CEC Highways.

5. Future Meeting Dates
Next meetings:
Thursdays 17 September, 15 October and 19 November 2020 at 7.30pm at Wistaston Memorial Hall.

Cllr. J Moore - Chairman



Section of flower bed at Jackson's Corner.
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Our PCSO Sophie brings us upto date

'We would like to thank you all for the co-operation across the Covid-19 outbreak. It has been a stressful time for all and we thank you all for the continued support. The majority of residents adhered to the social distance guidelines, however a small minority unfortunately did not and groups were dispersed from open spaces and properties. As now we are slowly becoming more normalised, we still ensure to focus on providing high visibility and reassurance to our communities by taking action when required if there are mass gatherings or people not adhering to the social distancing guidelines.

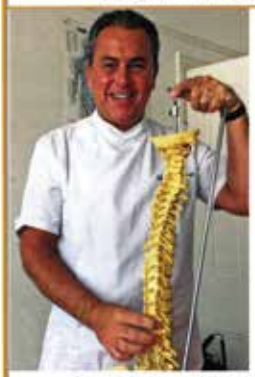
It has brought a number of positive changes to the community too. For example, a connected community is a safer community! Many residents expressed their positive comments regarding how their neighbours supported one another. Many elderly residents were isolating and were highly dependent on neighbours for shopping trips and medication pickups. It is important we focus on the positives moving forward and we remember all those who have lost their lives through Covid-19.

Please follow us on social media 'Wistaston and Willaston Police' on Facebook and Twitter. On Facebook we are lucky to have increased our followers to almost 2,500 and Twitter is almost 600 followers. If you are looking to make contact with your officers please email your local officer Sophie Jebb Bowman on Sophie.jebb@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Thank you again and we hope to see you all soon!'

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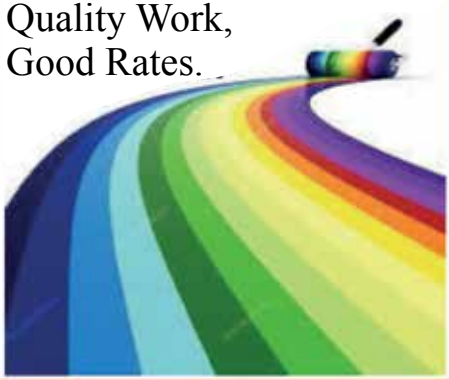


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Request for information

Do any of the Roundabout readers know how to get in touch with the family of Gordon and Renee White, who used to live in Wellswood Drive, Wistaston?

The present owners moved to Wistaston last year and this summer were clearing out the loft and discovered some items that were clearly from when the Whites owned the property. The items are mainly old school books and reports but as they were kept they clearly meant something.

The new owners do not want to throw away these items without having made some enquiries to unite them with the original owner's family.

It is believed that the family lived at the house from the 1950s until about 10 years ago when Mr White passed away.

If anyone can help please contact the editor and we'll pass the information on. Thank you.

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Wistaston Village Cricket Club

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By the time this latest editorial finds its way through your letterbox, the **2020** campaign (in a far, far limited form) would be coming to the end of what has for very obvious reasons been a greatly truncated and re-organized season!!!

Fixtures finally commenced during the second week of July with an in-club friendly between the **First eleven** and the **Mid-week eleven**. The fixture gave the opportunity for players to finally don their whites, oil their joints and enjoy some meaningful cricket. Further league matches followed with a good away win against **Malpas** and an evenly fought contest at home to **Old Parkonians** which resulted in a draw. Further fixtures against **Saughall, Irby and Cholmondeley** are due to take place during the month of **August.**
A fuller end of season report will follow in the Winter publication of "Roundabout", as will be the case for **Wistaston's other cricketing elevens.**

Our **Second XI** have managed two fixtures (at the time of going to press) against **Haslington** and **Holmes Chapel,** both games ending with a defeat. Further matches beckon in **August** against **Appleton, Styal, Over Peover** and **Bowden Vale**, which will give our players the opportunity of "opening their account".

Our Third XI have **so** far played three fixtures winning two against **Whitmore and Leycett** and losing against **Oakamoor.** Further challenges await in **August** against **Bagnall Norton, Ashcombe Park, Wedgwood** and **Market Drayton.**

Our ladies cricket team **(The Swans)** are awaiting their first fixtures of the season and have fixtures against **Chester Boughton Hall, Cheadle** and **Langley** during **August.**

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www.creweguardian.co.uk/sport

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, and re-iterating that which I wrote in my last editorial, bingo evenings **may** re-commence on **Friday 18th September 2020 at The Brittles.** However it now looks unlikely to re-start until 2021. For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins (483494).** It would be good for all our 'regulars' who attend our Bingo evenings, to re-ignite their interest once again, after what must seem an eternity since our last bingo evening. It would equally offer the opportunity for anybody within the village who may have thought about attending for the first time, to take that important first step. A friendly welcome is guaranteed.

Lotto/Bingo - For those stalwarts who attend our cricket bingo evenings, in place of the bingo the cricket club is running a Lotto/Bingo event. It is easy to enter and all interested parties are invited to contact our committeee member, Andy Whitehurst on 077859 31517 who would be more than happy to explain how it is run and costing involved. It only involves making a simple phone call and you could very well find that it is an excellent substitute for our Bingo evenings.

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, Tel 0781 7082678**

Just for Fun – Cricket Teasers – Six of the Best (Answers on page 14)

1. New Zealand played their first international test match in 1930. In what year did they win their first test?
2. When Gary Sobers hit six sixes in an over against Glamorgan in 1968, who was the bowler?
3. Which Australian fast bowler took 40 or more wickets in two Ashes series in the 1980s?
4. Who was the first player, over the age of 50, to appear in a Test?
5. Which of these players has not captained England in a test match? Mark Butcher; John Emburey; Chris Cowdrey or Bob Woolmer.
6. Whose record did Brian Lara break when he made 375 in 1993-94?

WISTASTON IN BLOOM

Because of Covid-19 Britain in Bloom North West was cancelled and locally the Village Fete, the Flower and Produce Show and our own Village Best Front Garden and Hanging Basket Display Competition all followed suit. But despite the restrictions caused by Covid-19 the flower beds and plant boxes were, all in the main, planted up by mid June.
During lockdown the weather was very good and since then we continue to have periods of very hot weather followed by spells of heavy rainfall. So generally good growing weather especially for weeds!

Sadly a long time member of the Wistaston in Bloom Committee, John White, passed away on 17 July. John will be sadly missed by the Committee and our thoughts go to his wife Glenys and sons Christopher and Jonathan.

Many thanks to members of the Committee, to Crewe Road Nursery and Robert Leeke who supplied the two hanging baskets on St Mary's Church Green.

Enjoy your gardening and stay safe.
Bill Heath, Secretary, Wistaston-in-Bloom

Wistaston Conservation Group

As we emerge from this pandemic and with easing of lockdown, the conservation group has returned to work. The first site chosen is in Rookery Bank Covert starting at Beech Drive car park. We began in mid-July, cutting back nettles, brambles and blackthorn to ensure some paths are open.



From local people it seems that everybody has appreciated the hot, dry and quiet Spring here at Joey the Swan, yet being mindful of the sad period that the world is experiencing this year.





Sadly, John Wood our Chairman died recently after a short illness. He will be sorely missed as he has been the main driving force for our group since the very start. We are in the process of choosing a successor, but because of the pandemic it may take longer than it would in more normal times .

It has been decided that in John's memory a Rowan tree will be planted close to the children's play area, overlooking the brook and Wistaston Hall.

We have had a generous donation from Mr. Lol Perry of a quantity of Foxgloves, which we have decided to plant in and around the edges of the woods. These should give a colourful display for years to come.



Unfortunately, this year due to the pandemic there is unlikely to be a Duck Race. Our group received a pleasing amount of donations in our collection box at this event last year. This money has been used to buy plants and other items to enhance the area generally.

If anyone would like to contribute to our running costs would they please send donations to anyone shown on our website.

Our thanks go out to the kind people of Wistaston, the Parish Council and the Community Council for their continuing support for which we are most grateful.

If anyone has any issues with conservation and would like to discuss them, have any suggestions to improve Wistaston, or would like to join us, either contact a group member or come and see us any Monday morning. We meet at 9.30 am. with a coffee break with biscuits at about 11.00. So if you get the timing right you can join us for a drink. Where we will be working on any given Monday is usually shown on our website at **www.wistastonconservationgroup.org.uk**

Sheelagh Birtchnell
Ian Hodkinson
Wistaston Conservation Group

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Answers to Just for Fun on page 12

1. 1956. New Zealand played their first test against England, losing by 8 wickets. Their first test win was against the West Indies an unbelievable 26 years later.
2. Malcolm Nash. 3. Terry Alderman (1981 and 1989). 4 W. G. Grace.
5. Bob Woolmer. 6. Gary Sobers.

John Wood 1941 - 2020

It is with much sadness that we must announce that John Wood died on Sunday 31 May in Leighton Hospital. Early in 2019 Wistaston Community Council had been delighted to award the 2018 Wistonian of the Year to John who certainly deserved the award. John had lived in Wistaston for many years and was a member of Wells Green Church and a popular member of Wells Green choir. However it was because of his work with Wistaston Conservation Group that he was nominated for the prestigious Wistonian of the Year award.

John with a team of volunteers led by David O'Hara worked every Monday, come rain or shine, throughout the year to enhance the appearance of our beautiful parkland in the Joey the Swan area. Walking through this area is an absolute delight. There are information boards detailing the flora and fauna, instigated by John along the way and at the Wistaston Green end there is the Millennium Bridge also instigated by John.

Over the years the workload had been a real challenge but the results of this committed work party are obvious wherever you look. (Below we see John with the Conservation Group taking a break from their work)

In his role as Chairman John compiled a regular report on the Group's progress in Roundabout. This in itself was a pleasure to read and another indication of his time and dedication. John's presence and enthusiasm was also apparent in his attendance at the village events with his plant stall raising funds for the Conservation Group. It was small wonder then that the Joey the Swan Parkland was awarded an outstanding certificate from the Britain in Bloom competition. During John's term of office as Wistonian of the Year he attended all the events – opening the Village Fete; presenting the prizes at the Flower and Produce Show; presenting the winners at the Duck Race.

Thank you John for all you have done for Wistaston. You will be greatly missed.



We say farewell to two good men of Wistaston: both named John who certainly left their marks on the village leaving it a far better place.

John Melvyn Wood



John was born in 1941 at Tottington, Bury. He went to Bury Grammar School and Salford University where he gained a Chemistry Degree and then started work as an industrial research chemist. John and Myra married in 1968 and moved to Wistaston in 1972 when John was made research manager at Holt Lloyds in Winsford. Their children, Chris and Gill were born in l970 and l972. John loved motor sport and was lucky to travel all over Europe, Australia, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain working as a marshal. He won several awards for his dedication to the sport but the highlight was winning the Marshal of the Year Award, the prize being 5 days in Monte Carlo for the Monaco Grand Prix for both John and Myra. He was also a member of the Speed Record Club and was an ambassador for the Bloodhound Project giving talks in schools and colleges, His other passion was long distance running doing many marathons, raising thousands of pounds for charity.

In 2003 John had a heart attack whilst out running but as he was so fit he survived and was able to continue leading an active life.

After retirement he took on a part time job at Oulton Park and only decided to finish at the beginning of this year. He was also keen on conservation and as Chairman of the local group has helped to do work with his volunteers to preserve the natural features of Wistaston for future generations and his ashes will be scattered at Joey the Swan. Only the week before he died John did a plant sale to raise money for the group. Last year he was thrilled to receive the Wistonian of the Year Award. He also helped at the Cheshire Wildlife Trust, working each week in their garden.

John died in Leighton Hospital on the 31 May 2020.

A very fitting description of John given recently by a family friend is that ***he was a top bloke and a true gentleman.***

Tribute to John Charles White



John was born in Kirton, Suffolk in October 1939. Owing to his father's work with the Air Ministry the family lived in a variety of places including Wendover, Buckinghamshire and RAF Ballykelly, Northern Ireland, before settling in Queens Drive, Nantwich.

John attended Nantwich and Acton Grammar School before successfully completing a two year teacher training course at the Alsager College in 1960. His first teaching post was at Monks Coppenhall Primary School in Crewe. John met his future wife, Glenys Furlong, through the newly formed Young Teachers Group (National Union of Teachers). As they were both interested in tennis they played together in the tennis league and friendly matches, with some success.
In 1968 John & Glenys married and moved to their new home in White Hart Lane, Wistaston. They both became involved in village life and later John became a founder member of the cricket club in Wistaston and also the tennis club in Wistaston where he coached the juniors for many years.
In January 1969, John was appointed Deputy Headteacher at Wistaston Berkeley Primary School. His two sons, Christopher (1969) and Jonathan (1971) were born during this period. By studying at Crewe College he gained his first degree and his Masters degree in education. John's final teaching post was when he was appointed Headteacher at Leighton Park Primary School in Crewe. John had a good team around him, but there were many challenges. John retired after thirty-seven years of teaching in 1997.

Prior to and during retirement he was Secretary of the South & Mid Cheshire Tennis League for over thirty years.
Retirement was exciting, so many things to do, and John was always enthusiastic. He joined the Local History Group (U3A) and later became group leader for seven years and gave many presentations to other local groups and associations.
John also joined Nantwich local history group, Willaston local history group, Retired Civil Servants, Wistaston Gardeners and the Wistaston in Bloom committee. He served the Retired Teachers Group (National Union of Teachers) as secretary for fifteen years.

Most importantly, he became Chairman of Wistaston Memorial Hall which he enjoyed probably most of all. His role involved helping to organise the annual Remembrance Service, concerts and events in the Hall, along with the annual Duck Race & Model Boat Race at Joey the Swan recreation ground.
John and Glenys also had many coffee mornings in their garden at Westfield Drive and met people from all parts of the village with all proceeds to the Hall.

John gave so much to Wistaston, but he enjoyed every moment of it. When John found that he was more limited in what he was able to do he was rather sad; but he always did his best.

John died on 17th July 2020 at Leighton Hospital, Crewe.

Mr John Charles White, Chairman of Wistaston Memorial Hall

28th March 2002 to 17th July 2020.

John became the 6th Chairman of Wistaston Memorial Hall on the 28th of March 2002. Anyone who has been on the committee during the time of his tenure would tell you that the hall meant a lot to John, particularly its reason for being, namely the 16 Wistonians who lost their lives in WWII. He would regularly remind everyone of this important fact. John had an absolute magic touch with children (See photo). Anyone who attended the Remembrance services over the years in the Memorial Hall would testify to his unwavering determination to make sure the children were there and fully engaged in the event, even taking priority over the adults, drawing them in to the stories he had to tell. The community came first in everything John did and he loved the engagement with people. For many years he organised and compered at the Wistaston Duck Race and his commentaries always raised the excitement level of the event. Once again, his oratory skills always drew everyone into the proceedings. The satisfaction he derived from his community work was its own personal reward – a reward that meant much more to John than any public recognition or acclaim. In reality, so well known and respected was he, that any honorary acknowledgement was, to a large extent, meaningless. **He will be hugely missed by the Memorial Hall Commttee.**



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Nature Article

A further swallow report was received just too late for inclusion in the last Roundabout, 8 April bringing accounts from over the stables in Wistaston Green Road. 17 April, Bradfield Green, was clearly much later. 21 April brought a singing male blackcap to the allotments hedgerow of Sandylands Park, but an event on 22 April was a real surprise for one of our neighbours. From an upstairs window Janice watched a heron standing by the garden pond then flying off with a frog dangling from its bill. There were no fish left in the pond as herons had taken them years ago, and it was quite a shock to find frogs still surviving since there was no spawning this year.



12 May and our first swift, by June filling the night skies. 14 June brought sight of a sleek and healthy fox striding along by the allotments hedgerow, again in Sandylands Park, before nosing through the bushes and into the plots. Had it been recruited to catch the rabbits causing havoc by destroying crops this year? We wish! We heard our first chiffchaff around the Nantwich bypass (A51) on 20 May, but the prize goes to Rosemarie Benson with her photographs of great spotted woodpeckers nesting in an oak in her local wood, two chicks observed.





25 June and a commotion beneath our kitchen window resulted in a sudden stoop by a sparrowhawk which flew away with what looked to be a black-bird. For not the first time we have seen a magpie bringing food over to the birdbath to dunk.
Small things can bring enormous joy, especially during this long lost summer. An article in the Sunday paper was encouraging the public, during the pandemic, to take more interest in what we would normally consider weeds. For us our special 'weed' was a new arrival on the allotment, salsify (*Tragopogon porrifolius),* a member of the daisy family: grasslike, multi-stalked, with purple feathery petals contained within erect bracts. Like its yellow relative, goatsbeard, (*Tragopogon pratensis), f*olk- name 'Jack-go-to-bed at noon', the flower closes up at midday!

Insect activity at home is far from exciting: speckled wood the pick of the butterflies; bees and hoverflies delighting in the blooms of cotoneaster, lavender and hypericum. Christine Howarth (Broughton Lane) has had a much better record with small blue, peacock, orange tip and fritillary.

Our thanks to all contributors.
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The Committee met in our President's lovely garden to discuss resuming our monthly meetings. However having looked carefully at the Corona Virus Regulations we reluctantly decided we could not go ahead with full meetings at the present time.

We are using as many means of communication as possible to keep in touch during this very difficult period. These include post, email, phone, Zoom and Facebook not forgetting local publications such as Roundabout.

When we restart we can look forward to using the newly refurbished Masonic Hall. Hopefully the virus will continue to recede and meetings will soon begin again.
Best wishes to all members.
For up-to-date information visit Willaston WI Facebook page or telephone Brenda Taylor on 01270 623191.

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Drama for the Community

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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. Our sessions are fully interactive and great fun!

Are you interested in having fun with your friends whilst showing off your dramatic side? If so, then Wistaston Drama Academy 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.

Due to the social distancing element still being in place we will be keeping our numbers to a maximum of 15 in each group. So, don't delay, if you want to reserve your place and come and join this vibrant, energetic, creative drama group! Looking forward to meeting you soon.
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The 100 Club

The 100 Club, operated by the Community Council, involves direct contact between members and collectors. This is clearly not allowed under the Government's lockdown procedures. As a result the 100 Club had to be suspended in March of this year and will only resume when contact becomes safe to do so.

Many members have paid for the whole or part of the year in advance. This money will be retained by the Club and the payments deferred into next year so members will not lose out.

If any member has any questions about the 100 Club please contact John Lomax, 01270 663037, at any time.

In the meantime I would like to thank all members for their continued support and hope that things return to normal as soon as it is deemed safe to do so.

John Lomax

Cheshire Wildlife Trust *South Group*

The details for 2020/21 are as follows which are of course subject to any restrictions that may be in place.

21 October 'Wildlife in the Avalon marshes' a talk by Mike Roberts.
18 November 'Insects and flowers of Hockenhull Platts' a talk by David Cummings.
20 January 'In search of the Jelly tree' a talk by Martin Varley of Cheshire Wildlife Trust.
17 February 'Plants and flowers of the mosses' a talk by Stephen Barlow.
17 March 'Birds and insects of Gowy meadows' a talk by Steve Holmes.

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Many thanks, Jenni Weston

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The season opening was delayed because of Covid-19 but opened up for singles play in mid-May and by the end of May doubles play was permitted following Government and the Lawn Tennis Association Guidelines.

Sadly the South and Mid-Cheshire Tennis League Summer Competitions were cancelled but hopefully the 2020 Winter League and 2021 Spring League will take place.

Club Membership fees until 31/03/2021 are as follows:

Adult – aged 18 and over	£75
Student – aged 18 and over and in full time education	£55
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Off-peak – Monday to Friday 2pm to 6pm (Adult/Student/Junior)	£25

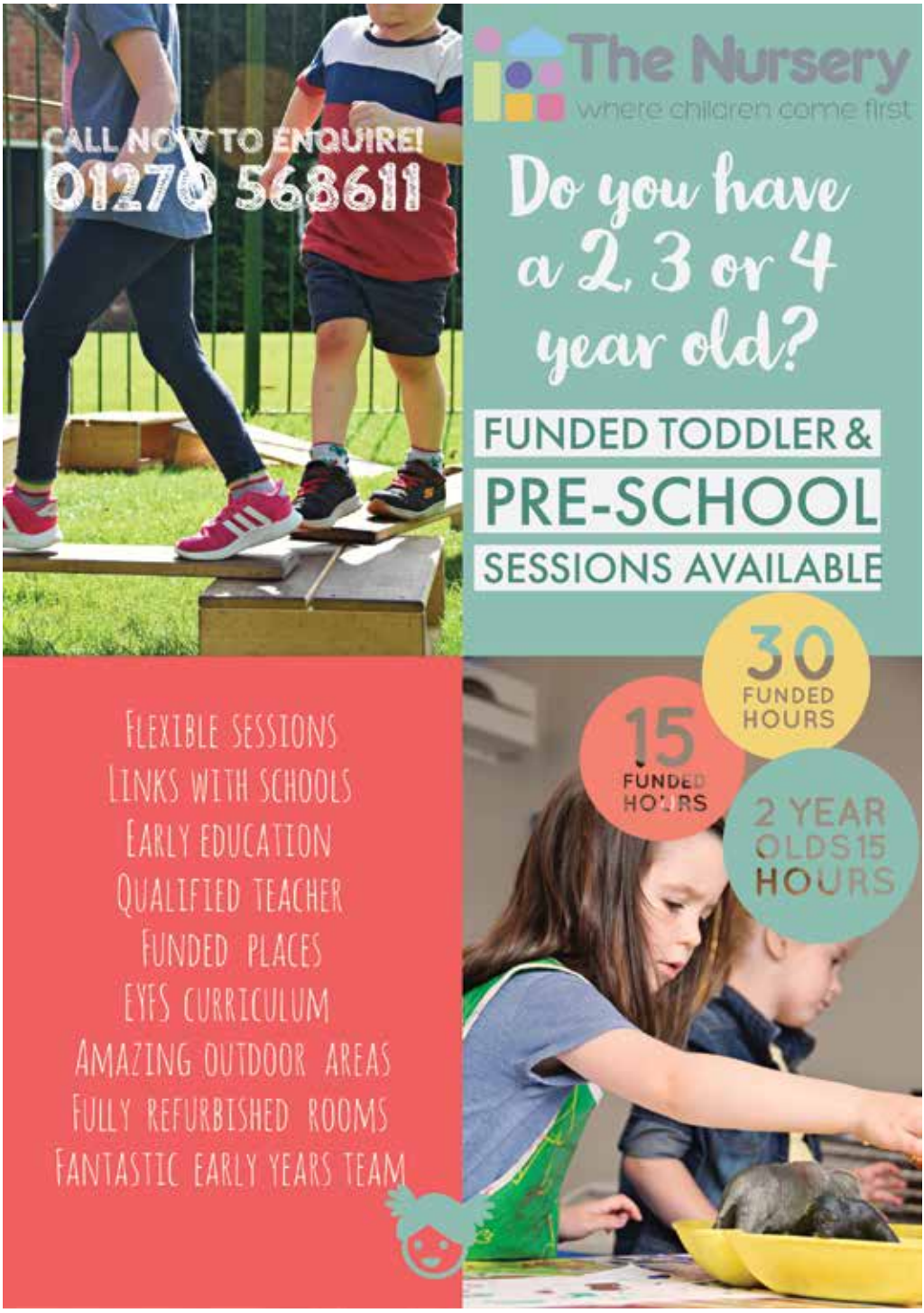
Anyone joining after October 1st who wishes to play through the winter until 31/3/2021 will pay 60% of the above fees.

Sadly our Vice-President and long time member of the Club, John White passed away on 17th July. John was in at the beginning of the club in 1979 when he was Vice-Chairman and Club Captain and through the years has always had a role in the club. As well as playing both socially and competitively he has been Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Club Captain, Grounds Co-ordinator and Memorial Hall Representative. John was also heavily involved with the South and Mid-Cheshire Tennis League and over the years has been Chairman, Secretary and Fixtures Organiser (a daunting task) and more recently Vice President and Honorary Member.

John will be greatly missed by the Club, the Tennis League and by me personally. And our condolences go to his wife Glenys and sons Christopher and Jonathan.

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Wistaston & Rope War Memorial Project completed, Wistaston
With thanks to Jonathan White for this article and the photograph opposite.

The names of the local men who died in the two World Wars are commemorated on the Memorial cross in the grounds of St Mary's Church, Wistaston. The area around the War Memorial has been modernised respectfully and made safer to visit. We must never forget the ultimate sacrifices made from the two warfares. We will remember them always.

The War Memorial is in an elevated and prominent position close to the chancel of the Church and consists of a rough-hewn stone Celtic cross on a tapered rectangular plinth. The memorial, built after the First World War, was dedicated on 20th February 1921. The inscriptions on the memorial contain the names of the sixteen men from Wistaston and Rope who lost their lives in the First World War and the sixteen men from Wistaston and Rope who lost their lives in the Second World War.

The project work around the War Memorial began in March 2020 and was completed in June. Numerous improvements have been made to the site. The path to the memorial and around the memorial has all been widened and tarmacked and the rope top terracotta edging has been reset. A cast-iron safety railing has been added close to the memorial to make the area safer for viewing and for the laying of wreaths. Cart-stone sloped paving has been added between the safety railing and the top of the existing retaining wall. Shrubbery hedging surrounding the memorial has been removed or trimmed back.

There is also a new area set aside to develop a place to remember non-combatants who lost their lives during the two world wars and those who have died in the service of the country since the Second World War.

The £12,500 project was organised by St Mary's Church in partnership with Wistaston Parish Council and Rope Parish Council with donations from Bentley Motors and from members of the public. The Church has underwritten the financial shortfall of the project by £3,000. Donations toward the refurbishment and the ongoing upkeep of the memorial would be gratefully received. Please address any donations to St Mary's PCC, The Church Office, Church Lane, Wistaston. CW2 8HA. Or give securely online at: https://bit.ly/stmaryswarmemorial

Rev. Mike Turnbull of St Mary's said: 'I am so pleased that we have finally completed this project in partnership with Wistaston and Rope Parish Councils. The refurbishment of the paths and surroundings will enable current, and future generations, to continue to remember, with gratitude, those who have given their lives that we may continue to live our lives in freedom. This is an important part of our village's history and should never be forgotten or neglected. I am pleased that we have been able to make it accessible to all once again. Next time you are walking by St Mary's, please do take a walk along the path to the War Memorial, we want it to be visited and valued by the local community as a place to reflect and remember. We would be grateful for any donations that people are able to make that will help the church to continue to enhance the area around the War Memorial.'

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