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Thank you to Mrs Liz Carton for this lovely watercolour of Christmas at St. Mary's Wistaston by her late husband Peter.

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EDITORIAL FOR WINTER 2020

Wishing everyone a very Happy, Peaceful and Safe Christmas in these very unusual circumstances which seem to go on and on. However being optimistic the vaccine situation is moving ahead showing a light at the end of the tunnel!

With very many thanks to everyone for the continued splendid support you give to Roundabout even in these very straitened times 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 - 2020/21



Friday 4 December -	**Christmas Concert - cancelled**
Monday 18 January -	Community Council's AGM - check venue
Saturday 19 June -	Village Fete
Saturday 21 August -	Flower and Produce Show, Church Hall.
Saturday 4 (11) Sept.	Model Boat and Duck Race
Saturday 6 November -	Firework Display
Sunday 14 November -	Service of Remembrance 3pm
Friday 3 December -	Christmas Concert in the Church Hall

For really uptodate information of what is happening in Wistaston check on our website and Facebook page - you will find everything there!

Who could be **Wistonian of the Year?** Calling all clubs, societies and individuals; it's time once again to send in your nominations 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 2021. **We need to find a worthy winner for this award.**

We, the undersigned nominate :

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Christmas at St Mary's Wistaston

#GuidingStar

As in all areas of life this year Christmas will be very different. However, there is one constant, we still plan to celebrate the birth of Christ! Unfortunately, at the time of writing, we just don't know what will be permissible. We are planning for 'in church' and 'online' services and we will advertise these via our social media and poster boards when we know what we can do. All 'in church' services will need to be pre booked, and again, details of how to do this will be made available.

Bring some brightness with a #GuidingStar

In the build up to Christmas, we'd like to invite you to brighten up both our community and the internet! Simply make a bright star and display it in a window in your home. In addition to this, why not post a photo of your star on social media with #GuidingStar @maryandluke. Let's be lights in our community and perhaps the stars may remind us of the stars in our communities we are thankful for this year.

Details of our regular online services and other information including our Christmas Services can be accessed via our website at stmaryswistaston.org.uk

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and peaceful Christmas filled with joy.

Revd Mike

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Material for the Zoom Advent Study Group will be available from the 4th December either to collect from the Rectory or computer download from bit.ly/adventstudy20 The zoom sessions will be held on the 7, 14 and 21 December at 7.30pm whilst collecting the material from the Rectory allows you to follow the course in your own time.

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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. **Council meetings**

   Our first open meeting after lockdown was held on the 17th September 2020, however, following further restrictions our October meeting was held on the zoom platform. It is planned to continue this until further notice. Residents can participate by using the meeting ID and passcode shown on the agenda which is published on the notice boards and our website.

2. **Council projects**

   Details have been included in previous reports and I am pleased to confirm after a period of delays Cheshire East Council have agreed to install our Playground light and posts for our Speed Indicator Device to be sited in Broughton Lane. Our order has been placed and we are awaiting confirmation for installation.

3. **Clerk to Council**

   After long service of over 23 years our Clerk is planning to retire early in 2021. I would express Council's appreciation for her professional skills in all her dealings of the Council's business. I would also add my personal thanks in making the Chairman's role so much easier. We have faced some difficult periods but we can reflect there are many successes to be proud of.

   The post is currently advertised on the notice boards, website and Facebook. Interested? Please contact our Clerk for a job description or for an informal chat you can contact the Chairman.

4. **Park Ranger**

   I am pleased to announce the appointment of Pete Baskerville as our new Park Ranger following the resignation of the previous Park Ranger. Pete will be seen out and about working within safe limits and Covid-19 guidelines.

5. **Budgets**

   Our annual review is underway for next year. We are aiming to control costs whilst supporting our voluntary groups and making improvements wherever possible with a target plan of not increasing Council tax payments made to Wistaston Parish Council.

6. **Future Meetings**

   Meetings as outlined will continue on the zoom platform until further notice.

   The next are 17th December 2020, 21st January 2021, and 18th February 2021 at 7.30pm. Details will be published on our notice boards and website.

7. **Councillors**

   I am pleased to report we have 2 new Councillors and contact details are included in the listing. Vacancies are available. Interested? Please contact our Clerk.

Cllr. J. Moore
Chairman

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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

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Wistaston Sports & Leisure

We need your help - we are looking for enthusiastic individuals to come and join our Committee; Wistaston Sports and Leisure provide a wide range of Sporting Facilities including Tennis, Football, indoor room hire, indoor bowls just to name a few. We employ staff to do the routine everyday tasks such as cleaning and administration but we need more volunteers to carry out non- specific tasks. None of the tasks would involve strenuous work - if you can spare a couple of hours a week and would like to help provide the very best of sporting facilities for our local youngsters - then please get in touch. Please email our Clerk at clerk.wsla@gmail.com

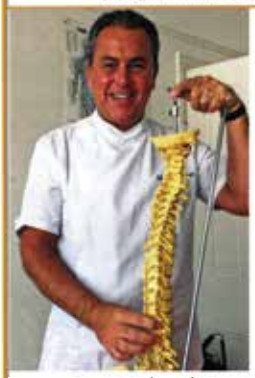
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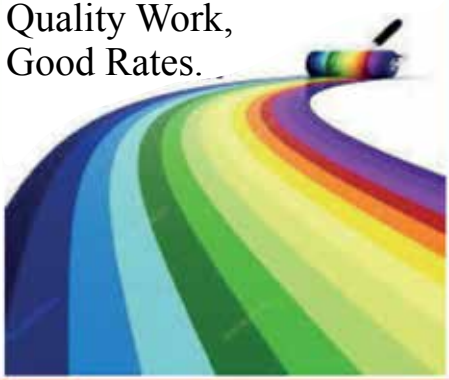


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10th Dec	Parkers Rd Estates		
11th Dec	Marshlank Estates		
12th Dec	Fuller Drive Estates		
13th Dec	New Broad Street Estates		
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Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

Wistaston Village Cricket Club 2020 saw a season that few would have predicated at the beginning of the year caused by **Covid 19.** However despite the epidemic resulting in cricket not commencing until the middle of July instead of the usual last week or two in April, the club and the players did have as far as possible an enjoyable, albeit a truncated season.

From a tentative opening fixture within the club on **11th July** between the **First XI and Midweek XI** as the season unfolded, all of our sides managed a varied programme of fixtures.

2020 Playing Record:-

Based on information collated involving a painstaking exercise the following is a record of achievements. Apologies if there are any glaring errors.

The First Eleven. Out of a possible twelve fixtures the **First XI** had a reasonably good campaign and ended the season on the last Saturday of September with the following record:- Won 5 Drawn 2 Lost 2 Cancelled 3.

The Second Eleven. Out of a possible eleven matches, the **Second XI** concluded the **2020** season with the following record:- Won 2 Drawn 0 Lost 8 Cancelled 1.

The Third Eleven managed to contest seven matches during **2020** and on record had an evenly balanced campaign with a final tally of **three victories** and **four defeats.**

The Swans XI

The ladies team '**The Swans'** had to wait until the **4th August** for their first fixture of the season and started with a tough campaign against Chester Boughton Hall. Their season was very truncated with such a short playing campaign and finished with a commendable record of **two victories** and **two defeats.**

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

Bingo

At the time of going to press there is no definitive news of when our Bingo evenings will commence. I can only refer our loyal readers to the statement made in the Autumn edition of Roundabout. For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins 01270 483494.**

Again, my apologies for the smaller than usual end of season cricketing reports and lack of positive news on what we can expect for **2021**. Obviously there will be cricket, it is just a matter of what form it may well take.

Being positive, I truly hope that the **Spring** edition of Roundabout will produce a far better cricketing scenario than that which you have been reading in this edition, when it wings its way through your letterboxes.

LADY PLAYERS REQUIRED FOR THE FORTHCOMING 2021 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 and please contact either **Pauline or Kevin Jobbins** on **01270 483494** for more details on what our cricket club can offer you.

To all of the readers of Roundabout - best wishes for the rest of the year, be safe and will touch base with you again in 2021.

John Avery
'Zusammen', 13 Lear Drive, Wistaston
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The 100 CLUB

As explained in the Autumn Roundabout the 100 club was forced to suspend in March of this year due to corona virus restrictions imposed by the Government. The 100 Club operates by collectors calling at the homes of members.

We now have what appears to be a working vaccine which will be available to all in the coming weeks and months. This should improve the outlook for resuming activities currently on hold.

With this in mind we are hoping that the 100 Club can resume in January 2021 though we are also aware that events may prevent this.

In the meantime the Club continues to hold money from members who paid for the whole of 2020 in advance. During this time we have only been able to hold three draws. Any excess left will be deferred to 2021 from January.

If any member has any questions regarding these proposed arrangements please contact me at any time on 01270 663037.

John Lomax

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Geoff Poppitt

Thank you to Geoff for over 20 years voluntary service as our Wistaston Community Council Roundabout Magazine Treasurer. He is being very carefully presented with a commemorative gift in his lovely garden in October by Ian Gould.

Wistaston Conservation Group

If our conservation group had a mission statement it would be along the lines of,

'Working to ensure that our woodlands are managed in a safe, sustainable and sympathetic manner for the benefit of all users'.

Work carried out since mid July.

Rookery bank Covert : Work on clearing the scrub surrounding the pond , and the removal of numerous objects of litter including broken glass bottles and a large chef's/kitchen knife. Due to the 'lock down' we had not been able to clear this area that had become very overgrown and untidy.

Old Covert : We also removed an extremely large and very heavy oak bough 'hung-up' on lower branches very close to the footpath at the side of the scout hut in Old Covert. A likely result of Storm Francis in late August.



Joey the Swan pond : We cleared the over-grown brush surrounding the pond. Again routine work could not be carried out due to Covid 19 restrictions. We also removed a large amount of Himalayan Balsam that if left would have choked the growth of other plants and repaired the 'Corduroy Bridge' over the muddy bit of the circular path.

Jubilee Bridge car park : We worked on the grass and overgrown bushes surrounding the car park. We aim to clear this area at least once each summer. And although the area is not part of Wistaston we feel that the car park and the path leading from it, being regularly used by the public, deserves our attention.



In fact, we have given the whole area 'a short back and sides'.



Wistaston Brook near Field Lane steps.

There was a large oak bough that had fallen into the brook near to the steps and was causing a blockage. There was no realistic option but to remove the branch by the use of grappling hooks after having cut it into managable pieces.

Footpaths.

We have cut back and removed brambles that had almost blocked some of the more narrow footpaths. This is a constant problem that we have not been able to tackle in our usual way, again due to the restrictions. But we have cleared the worst places and hope to do more before the winter.

Fallen Branches: A fallen branch or bough that is caught in lower branches (a hung-up branch) is potentially very dangerous, especially if located over or very close to one of our metalled footpaths. A fallen bough can remain in place for a considerably long time, many years in some cases, but it will eventually fall, suddenly and without warning.

In heavily used woodland such as ours, we must be mindful of the possibility of serious injury were a bough to fall on someone. Our preferred method to deal with the problem safely is to use a grappling hook and line to pull the bough clear of the tree and then use the partially decayed wood to build 'Windrows' that are artificial hedgerows, providing useful shelter for woodland fauna.

If anyone would like to meet us to discuss our work or would like to join our group we would be happy to meet them any Monday morning. The location where we will be working will be shown on our website that can be accessed by putting 'Wistaston Conservation Group' in a search engine.

We usually have a coffee break at 11.00am so if you visit us at around that time you are welcome to share a drink with us. Alternatively you can follow us on Facebook.

Sheelagh Birtchnell

Ian Hodkinson Wistaston Conservation Group.

A word of appreciation

I just wanted to drop a quick email to say thank you very much to the Wistaston Conservation Group for their continued fabulous work. I am a resident of Field Lane, just by Joey the Swan and I really do appreciate all they do.
At the bottom of the Field Lane steps, there is a path to the left before you cross the bridge. It's magical to walk along and without the upkeep of the volunteers, I'm sure this would become overgrown and inaccessible. Hannah Warner



Rowan Tree planted in memory of John Wood

On Saturday 12th September 2020 at 11.00am, a Rowan tree was planted alongside Wistaston Brook at the Joey the Swan recreation ground by Wistaston Conservation Group in memory of John Wood, their late chairman who died in May this year. John's family scattered his ashes around the tree at the same time.

The plaque by the Rowan tree reads:

In Memory Of John Wood
1941 - 2020
Fondly Remembered
by his Family,
the Conservation Group
and All Who Knew Him







With thanks to Jonathan White for this article and photographs giving a very fitting tribute to John Wood who worked so hard to keep Wistaston attractive and a great place in which to live.

Remembrance sunday
at the Wistaston Memorial Hall



Remembrance Sunday Services commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day, the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain and 70 years since the start of the Korean War.

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing guidelines, Remembrance Sunday Services on 8th November were private events, although several were videoed and made available to view via social media.

There were Remembrance Sunday Services on behalf of St Mary's Church, Wistaston and Wistaston Memorial Hall.

Poppy wreaths were laid at the war memorial in front of St Mary's Church represented by Royal British Legion (Crewe Branch), Wistaston Parish Council, Rope Parish Council, St Mary's Wistaston, Cheshire East Council, and Girlguiding, along with a wooden cross in memory of Lieutenant Commander Roy Berryman Edwards DSO, sent by his daughter Mrs Sylvia Hammond and family, from Kent.

Rob Richardson, Drum Sergeant at Cheshire Drums and Bugles, played his side drum on his Lear Drive driveway in Wistaston. He performed music including 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille', leading up to the two-minute silence at 11am.

A Remembrance Day poppy cascade and silhouetted soldiers were on display in front of Wistaston Memorial Hall which was built over seventy years ago in memory of the sixteen men from Wistaston who lost their lives in the Second World War.

Rev. Mike Turnbull, St Mary's Church, Wistaston 'thanked all who contributed to this online Act of Remembrance. It meant that we were able to continue the years of remembrance that have taken place in the Memorial Hall, albeit in a very different way.'

Diane Edge-Robinson, Vice Chair of Wistaston Memorial Hall committee, said: "The Wistaston Memorial Hall Management Committee hope that our online Remembrance Service went some way to compensate for not being able to have our usual gathering in the Hall. This would not have been possible without the contributors giving their time and Rev. Mike Turnbull with

the media skills he uses each week at St Mary's Church, Wistaston. We must never forget the sixteen Wistonians who gave their lives for our freedom."



Rob Richardson said: "For the past thirty-six years I've been on parade every year: the last two in Crewe and the previous ten under the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium - playing in front of 10,000 people and 78,000 ghosts is a hugely moving experience and one that changes your views and outlook. This year Remembrance for all of us is very, very different. We can't parade, our regimental colours won't be flying and only a handful of people will be at cenotaph and church services, but we can still remember, just in a different way. We can all show our respects for the fallen and support for the living on our front doorsteps. Now more than ever do we need a sense of community, a sense of togetherness and to be thankful for the very freedom their sacrifice bought us. That's why I was out there at 11am playing 'Drummers Call – Stand To' and then sounding The Last Post, with my Dad, himself a veteran tank driver of the 17th/21st Lancers next to me …. 'When you go home. Tell them of us and say. For your tomorrow. We gave our today.'

Thank you to Jonathan White for the above article and photographs.

Wistaston Memorial Hall Management Committee Update

Following several weeks of events in the Hall after the first lockdown, we once again had to close at the end of October. We are hopeful that we will be back in action at the beginning of December, however many of our long standing Christmas events will not be taking place. During November we were not able to have our usual Remembrance Service in the Hall but as reported elsewhere in Roundabout we had a pre-recorded event live streamed on the day. For many years this event had been organised by John White. In the service, the current Vice Chair reminded everyone that 'John had made sure everyone was aware of the importance of the building as a memorial with his individual way of doing things and with much emphasis on the children.' The committee were also very thankful to the 35th South West Cheshire (Wistaston) Scout Group for the loan of their poppy cascade on the front of the Hall this year.

Memories of John White

There was great sadness felt by the people of Wistaston at the loss of John White in July this year.

John knew everyone and everyone knew John. He was involved with many organisations as reported in Roundabout regularly and was always in demand as a speaker for village meetings.

His very special interest was Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club and he spent with Colin Smith many hours coaching members including enthusiastic youngsters who were always hoping especially during Wimbledon that they would be good enough to play there one day!

John was always very patient especially when on court enforcing the rules and etiquette of tennis making sure they were followed especially the etiquette.
At meetings John always encouraged interactive participation and as a retired head master did his own homework creating a relaxed atmosphere.
But a firm favourite of John's social calendar was the festive season! He would brush down his red coat, trim his white beard and whiskers and would announce his arrival at whatever function he was attending by ringing a bell and wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas!
So, farewell John. Gone but never forgotten.
Alice Chalwin President of WJTC

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Rope Green Methodist Mission Area : Advent and Christmas 2020
Christmas Blessings

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Sunday 6 Dec – Revd M & Mrs R Parrott – Blessings of Angels
Sunday 13 Dec – Revd Helen Stubbs
Sunday 20 Dec – Revd Den Harding
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Wells Green Methodist Church is looking for a Calligrapher. We have a Memorial Book which needs updating. Anyone interested please contact Susan Smith - 01270 663236

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Happy Conclusion



In the last issue Robert Gray asked Round-about readership if they knew of the present whereabouts of the White family who lived at one time in the house that he has recently moved into in Wellswood Drive. He was delighted with the response and thanked everyone very much for this. He said that it's a great example of the community coming together. A neighbour had managed to locate a phone number of Robert White, the son of the family and when he was next in the area he called on Robert Gray and collected the family's books and reports which had been stored in the loft. Photograph shows the happy conclusion with Robert White collecting the family documents.

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Nature Article

29 July brought a female sparrowhawk to the roadside of Sandylands Park, devouring a grey bird, from its size likely a pigeon, while Andrew Tagg of Woodside Avenue had a sparrowhawk eating possibly a starling on 3 August, spending several minutes with the prey before carrying it off. The previous day a dragonfly arrived, remaining from 5 p.m. till 2 p.m. next day. Did Andrew get any sleep that night?! The dragonfly resembled a southern hawker, one of the larger species that typically patrols a regular 'beat' in search of food.



House sparrows galore at home are possibly the result of several broods from our nest-box terrace, their cheepings becoming a regular sound from back-garden shrubs in late summer. The intense cover has been a bonus, always encouragement for this declining species.

It was no fun for Hilary being stung by a wasp while reaching for a pear. We have read that only female wasps sting (no sexist comments invited), the ovipositor (egg-laying organ) responsible. Like bees, wasps build nests and produce queens, workers (females), drones (males). The queen, after autumn mating, is the only one to survive over winter and emerge from hibernation in spring. While caring for the queen in summer, and grubs emerging from her eggs, workers gain energy from the sweet saliva the grubs produce. During this time they are beneficial to man, destroying insect pests to feed the grubs. At disintegration of the old colony lack of saliva sends workers to seek other sources of sweetness and are then a nuisance through their attacking fruit. No one who has seen a wasp's nest can help but admire the fine structure created from dry scraps of wood chewed into a pulp, hardened into 'wasp paper' and suspended from the roof of the chamber chosen for nest site.

September brings that all too familiar scene of woodlice and daddy-longlegs coming indoors to desiccate and die, requiring an almost daily brushing up of corpses.

October and a reappearance of the threesome of robins making such cosy company last year: that long-lasting ménage à trois.

To finish, a thank you to Christine Howarth of Broughton Lane, regaling us with her end of summer list of beautiful insects: elephant hawk moth, fritillary, tortoiseshell, comma, peacock, red admiral and painted lady.
Our thanks to all contributors.

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Laurie Twiss Award 2020

The writing for the Laurie Twiss Award took place over our Covid summer and the prizes would have been presented at one of Wistaston Community Council's events. However this year all our usual events, as everywhere, have been cancelled because of Covid and we can't arrange a special presentation evening at the moment either. Several of the winners had moved on to high schools and this caused another problem - they couldn't come back to receive them. The awards are as follows:

First prize and winner of the Trophy	**Poppy Tomkinson**
Second	**Chloe Day**
Third	**Lukas Tutt**
Highly Commended	**Maria Price**
Highly Commended	**Edward Matthews**
Highly Commended	**Luke Lightfoot**
Highly Commended	**Yash Borde**



Well done and congratulations to the winners who all produced excellent entries and were each awarded a certificate, Book Voucher and a pen





Three wonderful winners; clockwise from top left; Poppy, Maria and Edward. I'm afraid there isn't enough room to print any of their articles in this issue but hope to rectify this later. Look out for details of the 2021 Award in the next Roundabout.

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Wda Wistaston Drama Academy

Drama for the Community

It was fabulous to welcome our members back!



Wistaston Memorial Hall has reopened and we have been able to resume our sessions. Our members are following the COVID secure guidelines, maintaining a safe distance and learning how to interact with each other in a new way. They have been very creative working on improvised pieces and exploring the narrative.

As we here at WYDG are getting used to the new normal we thought it would be the ideal opportunity to rebrand and in doing so have now changed the name to Wistaston Drama Academy. Our ethos remains the same in ensuring all of our participants learn life skills through drama in a safe environment, adhering to government guidelines concerning Covid 19.

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 the numbers to a maximum of 12 in each group.

So, don't delay, come and join this vibrant, energetic, creative drama group!

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Our reception children have had a very busy first term at The Berkeley Academy. They have settled into our routines, explored our learning environment and made lots of friends.



In reception we start each day with our morning wake and shake which helps us to practice our gross and fine motor skills whilst warming up our body and mind for the day ahead. Our children then have the opportunity to explore our extensive indoor provision which focuses on carefully planned child led play. We provide opportunities to extend learning through a variety of activities from story role play, creative art and mark making to construction. Our outdoor area provides further opportunities to develop independence and playful exploration in our mud kitchen, sand and water trays as well as bikes and climbing frame. Our children make connections in their learning whilst problem solving and developing strong friendships with their peers.



During our teacher led lessons our children have been learning about a variety of different stories through our Talk 4 Writing process which uses story maps and actions to orally retell. We encourage a love of stories and reading by providing an extensive range of texts to explore and learn. Our reception children have been working hard in our Monster Phonics sessions discovering the different characters and beginning to develop the ability to read and write. Our maths lessons help to embed the children's understanding of number, shape and pattern through engaging activities, songs and games.



During the autumn term we have also been busy learning about the changing seasons. So far we have been on several welly walks to our school forest where we collect nature treasures and discover the wildlife outside our classroom door. We have been learning about nocturnal animals and what hibernation means. Our children have been deepening their knowledge through their play in our classroom role play areas, which are set up as nature hides. The children have also been furthering their understanding at home by visiting local parks for autumn walks then bringing their nature treasures and learning back to share with the class.



We are so proud of our reception classes and what they have already achieved. We can't wait to see what the rest of our school year has in store!

To learn more about our fantastic school please visit our Facebook and Twitter pages for regular updates from all the year groups. You can also find lots more information through our school website https://www.theberkeleycheshire.co.uk/.

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South and Mid Cheshire Tennis League

With thanks to Jonathan White

Winter 2020 matches of the South & Mid Cheshire Tennis League commenced on Sunday 11th October. The teams participating are Division 1 (Hartford A, Congleton A, Cuddington A, Cuddington B, Alsager A, Nantwich A), Division 2 (Wistaston A, Congleton B, Alsager B, Holmes Chapel A, Winsford A), Division 3 (Wrenbury A, Wistaston B, Hartford B, Kelsall, Holmes Chapel B, Alsager C), Division 4 (Congleton C, Holmes Chapel C, Bunbury, Cuddington C, Wrenbury B, Congleton D), Division 5 (Alsager D, Cuddington D, Congleton E, Nantwich B, Wistaston C). The top team and bottom team in each division will be promoted or relegated respectively. From January 2021 these teams will form the Spring league.

The Barbara Smith Cup and **Ray Jones Cup knockout competitions** also commenced on Sunday 11th October 2020.

The 2020 South & Mid Cheshire Tennis League Summer League did not take place due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Local team Wistaston A won 6-2 against Holmes Chapel A in their first match of the Winter League on their two courts behind the Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre on Church Lane in Wistaston. After the victory George Raiswell, Wistaston A team captain, said: 'It's great to be back playing matches against other teams.' *See photographs below.*

Fixtures, results and tables are updated during the year via the League website: http://www.smctennis.co.uk

For further information relating to Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club please visit their Facebook page:https://www.facebook.com/WJtennisclub ,or phone: 01270 560471.







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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

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