

Edie pictured at the Flower and Produce Show with her winning Sweet Peas which she tended herself.

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EDITORIAL FOR AUTUMN 2021

Hoping everyone is looking forward to Autumn although the future is still fraught with uncertainty as to whether or not there will be more lockdowns as we meet more often indoors.

We are very sorry to have to let you know that Margaret Moores, Wistonian of the Year of a few years ago and an invaluable member of the Wistaston Community Council has died after a long illness. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her husband Bernard.

Thank you so much to everyone for the continued splendid support you give to Roundabout even in these straitened times in whatever capacity, for without **your** contributions and advertisements it would not exist! **Please send in your articles, photographs etc. for our Winter edition, due out in early December by 15 October.**

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Flower and Produce Show 2021

On Saturday 21 August the Wistaston Community Council held the Flower and Produce Show which was its first event since before lockdown! It was on a scaled down version but went very well and Bill Heath our Wistonian of the Year emphasised that the Show would be back bigger and better next year. Several people commented that they missed the Auction at the close of the show. Normally, successful bidders get a chance to sample the excellent fare that has been displayed. See pages 18 and 19 for the wonderful entries received this year and page 23 for the write up.

Dates for your Diary - 2021



We do hope that some of our other events might come about this year but at the moment we are very uncertain about Winter events.
Saturday 4 September - Model Boat and Duck Race - sadly cancelled.
Saturday 6 November - Firework Display - unlikely.
Sunday 14 November - Service of Remembrance 3pm - being planned.
Friday 3 December - Christmas Concert in the Church Hall - uncertain.

For really up-to-date information of what is happening in Wistaston check on our website and Facebook page - you will find everything there! We really don't know what we'll be allowed to do as the year progresses but watch this space!

WISTASTON IN BLOOM

Judging for Britain-in-Bloom North West was planned for Friday 17 July with the judges visiting Audlem-in-Bloom in the morning and Wistaston in the afternoon but on the afternoon of 16 July the judging was cancelled. We were finally judged on the afternoon of Thursday 12 August, meeting the judges at 2.30pm, walking around the village, viewing the flower beds and finally judging the conservation area at Joey the Swan. The judges completed their inspection at 4.30pm.

Results in the past have been announced at a presentation at the Southport Convention Centre in early November but this year no decision has been made as to how the results will be announced or awarded.

For a second year we have not judged our own Best Front Garden and Hanging Basket Display – last year it was because of the Covid restrictions but this year we have not had a sufficient number of judges.

The Wistaston-in-Bloom Committee has declined in numbers and a number of members are not physically able to be involved in any of the work required. This raises the issue of whether the Bloom Group will be able to continue next year. Without new active members the Bloom Group will have to fold, handing the work back to the Parish Council. This will be very disappointing considering the many years it has worked very hard to produce a good flower display in the village.
So if you are interested in joining the Wistaston-in-Bloom Group please contact the Secretary.

Many thanks to Crewe Road Nursery, Robert Leeke who supplied the two hanging baskets at St Mary's Church Green, to the Litter Picking Group, the Conservation Group and the Park Ranger all of whom have helped to produce a very good display in the village this year.



Bill Heath
Secretary,
Wistaston-in-Bloom,
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With thanks to Jonathan White for this Photograph at Joey the Swan.

New Methodist Minister at Wells Green, Wistaston

The Rev Sarah Butcher has just arrived in our area to take pastoral charge of Wells Green Methodist Church, on Brookland Avenue in Wistaston, along with responsibility for sister churches in Willaston and Shavington, where she will be living with her husband. She is replacing the Rev Den Harding, who has looked after us splendidly over the past few years, but is now moving on to a new post in North Somerset; we wish her well.

Sarah writes: '*Hello! I'm Sarah, the new Methodist minister in Wistaston. I'm both new to the area and new to ministry, having come fresh from my training at college. In addition to my training, I bring experience from my previous careers as a science teacher and working in church with children and young people. I'm excited to get started and to get to know the community. Because of my position, you have probably guessed I am passionate about my faith, but I also enjoy reading, going for walks and baking. I also adore cats.*'

We are looking forward to getting to know Sarah and working with her to build up our church, and to restore our witness and service in Wistaston after the interruption caused by the pandemic over the past year and a half.

We wish her every blessing.

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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. Councillor's Co-option

At our last meeting approval was given for the Co-option of our CEC Councillor Margaret Simon. We would welcome Margaret's contribution with her close involvement in County Council matters to our regular parish discussions.

2. Litter and Dog waste

Following our last report we have received many supporting comments on our re-issued leaflet. One resident raised concerns on the quantity of litter partly due to the number of party groups and queried the details on collected figures. Whilst collections are carried out on most days we would ask residents to report serious problems to our clerk. Included are the figures from our litter teams and Ranger for Jan 2021 to June 2021.

Item	Litter teams General parish areas	Ranger Recreation area
Green Bags (small sacks)	220	63
Dog bags	310	441
Facemasks	569	72
Nitrous oxide canisters	44	27
Snap bags	58	115

Whilst every effort is being made to keep our parish free of discarded items more help would be welcome. Interested? Please contact our clerk.
We would extend our thanks to all who take pride in keeping our parish tidy.

3. Speed Indicator Device (SID)

It is disappointing to report CEC have not installed our posts in Broughton Lane despite continuous monitoring. Efforts continue with added support from our CEC councillor Margaret Simon.

4. Future meetings

With the gradual easing of Covid restrictions we are planning to commence our meetings in a more normal setting in the Memorial Hall again following guidance for any Government changes.

The next meetings are 16th September 21st October and 18th November Start time 7.30pm.

Cllr J. Moore
Chairman



Photographs: thank you to Jonathan White

The Cat Communitiy Radio

Maybe the public perception is somewhat different, but take it from me, radio presenting is not an easy job. Here at your local radio station The Cat 107.9FM we are all volunteers but endeavour to be as professional as possible. So I thought I'd give you a snapshot of what life is like behind the mic.

Be prepared

Good preparation can make the difference between a hit or a miss in your performance. Claiming things which are not true, not only harms your credibility with the listener but is likely to land you in hot water with the station manager! Motto: you really should know what you are talking about, especially if that involves facts and figures.

Stress control

As a presenter, being able to manage stressful situations is a valuable asset. During a live broadcast, anything and everything can happen.

Not only are there a multitude of knobs and dials that can (and often do) have a life of their own; occasionally the internet can decide to misbehave and an error message can send you info a flat spin.

And, being in the studio on your own when the broadcast goes down can send your blood pressure sky high

Guests – too little or too much

No one wants to listen to a silent and awkward interview, so we have to be confident in our conversational skills and fill the silence when it happens. We also have to learn to be kind to our guests, some of whom can be shy or nervous. On the other hand it can be a difficult job to get some guests to take a breath. Those with verbal diarrhoea need to be handled firmly !

Whose playlist ? ?

All Cat presenters have their own style and try to match that with what listeners like to hear. However it's always a bit difficult for us not to show a bias to our favourite genre. After all, it is your show! For instance, you are always likely to hear a Motown track when I'm behind the mic.

Timing is everything !

When we need to fill up the silence between two songs, we need to know when to stop talking. At the presenters desk there is a little counter clock that lets us know how long before the vocals start, however it still takes practice to finish on time. If you do talk over the song – it's officially called 'crashing the tune'.

How about you?

So I hope that's given you a flavour of some of the components needed to present to a reasonable standard. If you feel as though you might have what it takes to be on the radio and would like to know more then email studio@thisisthecat.com

Dave Foulkes

Presenter, The Cat Radio 107.9FM

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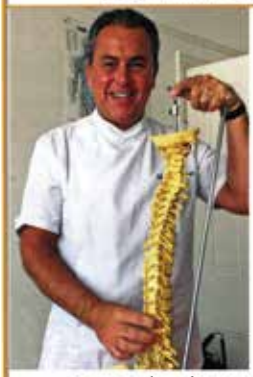
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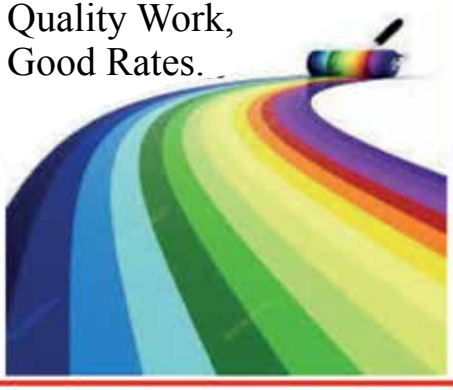


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At the time of compiling this editorial the current cricketing season will have been in progress for some three months. Unlike the season of some twelve months ago, cricket has been more in evidence.

Our **First XI** competing in **Division 4 of the UK Fast Cheshire Cricket League**, are top of their table with an excellent **9 victories** from their opening **12 fixtures** ahead of Cholmondeley who have played two fixtures more.

Our **Second XI** who are participating in **Division D West,** within the same league, are currently holding **10th position** after **15 matches.**

Our Third XI are conducting their campaign in the **Stone and District Cricket League - Sunday Section B (North)** and holding a creditable second position behind **Alsager CC 4th XI.**

Our ladies cricket team **(The Swans)** who are competing in **Cheshire Women's Cricket League Division 3 West,** through playing in a league with four clubs and having played fewer matches, are at present in bottom position.

www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk/roundabout.html 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.

The cricket club are hoping to re-commence their Bingo evenings this coming **September**, however a firm date has yet to be decided. Once a date has been successfully set, I am sure that it will be heartening news 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.

We offer cricket to adults and junior of all standards and we are proud on being very much a child friendly club and we have been re-credited with the **E.C.B Club Mark originally awarded in May 2005**. Interested in joining W.V.C.C? Please contact **Kevin Jobbins: - Tel 483494** in the first instance.

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1. **In which town is the Essex County Cricket Club based?**
2. **Who is the first batsman to cross 10000 runs in Tests?**
3. **With which championship did the 'Official' one day cricket begin?**
4. **Which country has played the maximum number of one day matches?**
5. **Name the only cricketer to score five centuries in five successive innings.**
6. **Lord Tennyson captained which county cricket club from 1919 to 1932**

Answers on page 28.

From St. Mary's Willaston - **Signs of Hope, Sounds of Joy**

In the last edition Revd Mike wrote about signs of hope and on Sunday 11th July we certainly heard another one. For the first time since lockdown in March 2020 the bells of St Mary's rang to announce worship. What a heart-warming sound it was too. I was taken aback by how emotional I found myself on hearing the bells again. Before the service I was standing outside the church trying to capture the moment on camera for our online service and it filled me with a great sense of hope and especially of joy. I can only wonder at the skills of the bell ringers and how they are able to create such a sound, but I do know how encouraging it was to hear the bells. I know that this is by no means the end of the difficult journey that we are on but hearing the bells certainly filled me with hope as they herald another step towards recovery. They also filled me with great joy as they proclaim welcome.

As a church we look forward to welcoming you. Perhaps the joyful bells ringing out will remind you that we are open for in person worship at 10:40am on a Sunday and you are welcome to join us. We will continue to stream our services online too. You can find all the details of our services on our website stmaryswistaston.org.uk

Revd Paul

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willaston WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At long last Willaston Nantwich WI are able to meet once again. It has been a long eighteen months trying to stay in contact via email, post and short visits at Christmas and Easter. We can now begin to arrange our normal activities. On 18 August from 2pm onwards members are invited to the home of Jennifer Jones for tea and conversation.

On Tuesday 7 September at our normal time of 7pm for 7.30pm our first full meeting will be held at Wistaston Memorial Hall before we return to our normal venue of the Masonic Hall in Willaston for our October meeting.

Our first monthly lunch will be at The Peacock on Friday 27 August and the Book Club will recommence on Monday 13 September.

We very much look forward to getting together again and welcoming new members from September onwards. Please contact Brenda Taylor on 01270 623191 or any Committee member for more information.

Wistaston Conservation Group

Hello everyone, we hope that you are keeping well.

We have been very busy lately trying to work our way through the ever-lengthening list of things we need to do, to keep us all safe in the woodland, as well as the other list of things we want to do in order to improve our area so that visitors can continue to enjoy themselves.

An example of the former is the matter of the pathways, the edges of which we have been trimming, as well as cutting back the undergrowth by about six feet. This helps people who are walking the paths with their dogs as it gives a clear view of other walkers.



This is the first time we have been able to get to grips with this job since the beginning of last year. In addition, we have also cleared the steps leading to Field Lane, which was being overrun with brambles and had become very slippery with the leaves from last autumn.



This is necessary maintenance, a little like the old adage about 'painting the Forth Railway Bridge' but it has to be done.
When we have finished making the main paths safe and sound, we will be able to return to the 'New Wetland' area we have created on part of the old filter bed area, just off the main path that crosses Joey the Swan alongside the brook. We have built a dam to collect the rainwater coming off the hillside, and have carried out some planting and a general tidying-up of the whole area, which had been neglected for many years. The plants we have introduced are Foxgloves, Yellow Flag Iris, Hellebores, Crocosmia, Bluebells and Scilla. We have also created a living wall of Willow using branches we have had to remove in order to improve access.



Eventually, we hope to cut a path through the undergrowth to the north and build a pathway up the slope possibly with steps, to link with the main path leading towards the scout hut in Old Covert and Beech Drive. This will provide another route to the high ground and take some pressure off the existing paths that have taken a lot of hard punishment in recent times.

Quite a lot of work, but very worthwhile in the long run, we hope.

If anyone would like to speak to us about the work we are doing or have any useful suggestions for future projects, we will be working each Monday morning usually in the Joey the Swan area. The exact location is shown on our website, accessed by searching **Wistaston Conservation Group** on the Internet. We usually break for a drink of coffee at about 11.00 am. and if you come along at the right time you can share our coffee and biscuits.

The Laurie Twiss Award



The Laurie Twiss Award has been with us for many years and it would be very interesting to know where our earlier winners are now and whether they have gone into journalism. Do let us know. The Roundabout readership would be delighted to hear too.

We have had some excellent entries over the years and this year is no exception indeed this year we have had a bumper number of entries - almost a record.

We have a small panel of judges, the three of us listed below, and we painstakingly read all the entries, make short lists, have meetings and together, eventually, after much deliberation, decide on the finalists. Sometimes when the competition is very close, we have to vote, two out of three, for the winning places.

We had our meetings in August and have the winners; we now have to organise the distribution of the prizes. Pre -Covid it was so easy - we could award them at our events, now that numbers are a problem we'll have to work round that.

However it isn't so much the winning, it's the taking part; getting down to writing and putting your thoughts into words that others will enjoy to read. Letting your imagination run riot or calmly writing a precise newspaper article.

So we're calling on Wistaston's writers - put pen to paper; fingers to key-boards and write a story or article in under 200 words. The competition is open to young people in our area aged from 9 - 16.

The winner will be able to keep for one year the Laurie Twiss Trophy plus a voucher, pen and certificate. The Second and Third prize winners also receive the last three items. It's your choice of material – real or imaginary, fact or fiction, so do get into writing mode now. Please include the following information with your entry: Name and address, Telephone number, Age, school attended and title of story.

Entries should be submitted by 31 July 2022 to one of the following:
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Why You Should **Make a Will**



By David Burgess
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In these uncertain times, never has it been more important to ensure that your affairs are in order. This includes a financial review through to what plans are in place for later life. Nobody knows what the future holds, but we do have the power to take control of our estate now to ensure our loved ones are protected.

Currently 70% of the population do not have a Will! A Will gives you control of your estate, appoints Guardians for children under 18, appoints Executors on how the estate is to be distributed and details your own funeral wishes. Without a Will when you pass away, you die intestate and all control is lost and therefore there is no control on who inherits and your funeral arrangements aren't detailed.
EXAMPLE: Marriage voids any previous Wills, therefore if a couple with children were to marry and then one adult passes away, without a Will the rules of intestate apply therefore the surviving spouse inherits the estate leaving any children from the deceased side disinherited.

Advantages of having a Will includes:
- Guardians are appointed to look after minor children.
- Executors are appointed and empowered to distribute the estate in line with your wishes.
- Details what happens to any business/es.
- Details of any specific legacies (not always financial).
- Specify any funeral wishes and arrangements.
- Appoints who will administer your estate.

If you already have a Will, congratulations! You join a select number who have. However, your work is not yet done. When was your Will updated? Are the Executors and Guardians still people you wish to have control of your estate and children? Do you still want the beneficiaries to inherit and are they in the right situation? And simply check you know where the Wills are and are they correctly signed and witnessed.

Further thought should be given to Lasting Powers of Attorney, this is where capacity is lost and allow your appointed individuals to manage your affairs on your behalf.

Unfortunately, one thing is certain, we all pass away at some point, Whilst we cannot determine when, we can make sure that plans are in place to ensure our families have stability and peace of mind.

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WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY

Nature Article

Our first swallow, overhead, at home, was 15 April, but these birds fly so high it is almost impossible to pick them out, and they are located by their give-away vigorous twittering. We were proud to have registered our earliest personal 'firsts' of this species on the two Sundays prior, a little out of the area, over Shropshire Union Canal, Venetian Marina, Cholmondeston. Our first local warbler was probably blackcap heard in the allotment hedgerow, Sandylands Park, 19 April. 21 April and a sparrow hawk gliding low over the drive, but with no reaction from the community of jackdaws and pigeons on lawn. Late May and a deluge of starling families on the lawn, indulging in their characteristic frantic feeding regime before the sudden noisy take-off, leaving all in peace again.



Margaret Skerratt sent some lovely photographs of a regular pair of goldfinches, plus a young wren, but the woodpecker was camera shy! A 'great spot' visited feeders in our front garden plus a neighbour's, fleetingly, on 19 June, but quickly decided bark was best. We are often aware of this 'pecker before its actual appearance, hearing its 'tack' note voiced in the hedgerow.



Sadly, the bully-boys of the bird world tend to commandeer our garden when food is supplied, i.e. the *Corvidae* – rooks, jackdaws and magpies; the chatter particularly ear-piercing when the chicks are begging food from their parents. Harking back to that little gem of the 30s, updated 50s, the Observers' Book of Birds states that jackdaws, when tamed, can be taught to speak, even that they are popular. Perhaps, in the fifties, they were popular, but that is a long time ago and we have no plan to tame one or to hear it speak! Was it a jackdaw that had been tuning in to the football? Picked up while we toiled on the allotments during the 'Euros' was the sound 'Lukaku' uttered repeatedly by some avian mimic.

Rain brought three silent swifts high over us, 3 July: another month and they'll be gone, their season here short-lived.

6 July and what a joy to see a kestrel hovering over Jackson's Corner: not such a regular sight as buzzards.

Let's enjoy our nesting garden birds and their young in what remains of our summer, ever hoping that casualties are kept to a minimum.
Our thanks to all contributors.

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Wistaston Flower and Produce Show

The Annual Wistaston Flower and Produce Show took place on Saturday 21 August 2021 at St Mary's Church Hall, Church Lane in Wistaston. The event, which was cancelled last year due to the pandemic, is run by Wistaston Community Council and complied with the current government regulations.

There were numerous different classes in the flower and vegetable sections, along with a vegetable display, harvest basket, flower arrangements, hobbycrafts, children's classes and a Parish Council photographic competition.

There was an excellent turnout and the judges had to make difficult decisions when awarding certificates and trophies.

There were so many people who entered multiple categories and many who won several prizes - to name just a few: Sandra Rhodes, Maria Price, Debra Sloan, Charlotte Shaw, Helen Gould, Edie Stubbs, Emily Edge, Judy Gratton and more. See photographs in centre pages displaying show entries with their awards: Bright Yellow – First; Blue – Second; Green - Third and Mustard Yellow - Highly Commended.

Dane Chaplow, Chairman of the Wistaston Community Council said:
I was extremely pleased how our first event after lockdown went, the Community Council worked hard to put on a low key first event in 2021 and once again the team succeeded in turning a competition into a fun event. My thanks to Debra and Gwyneth and to the Church Hall team in trusting us to work within the current guidelines. Many thanks to our local people for their excellent entries. We hope in 2022 to be back to a normal event as before.
With many thanks to Jonathan White for his help with this write up.



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Cancer Research UK : Christmas Fair
Memorial Hall, Wistaston :

Saturday 20 November 2021

Lots of stalls for gifts, cards, cakes, plants,toys. Plus Tea Room serving drinks and snacks and, of course, Father Christmas will be there too!

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Wda Wistaston Drama Academy

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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!

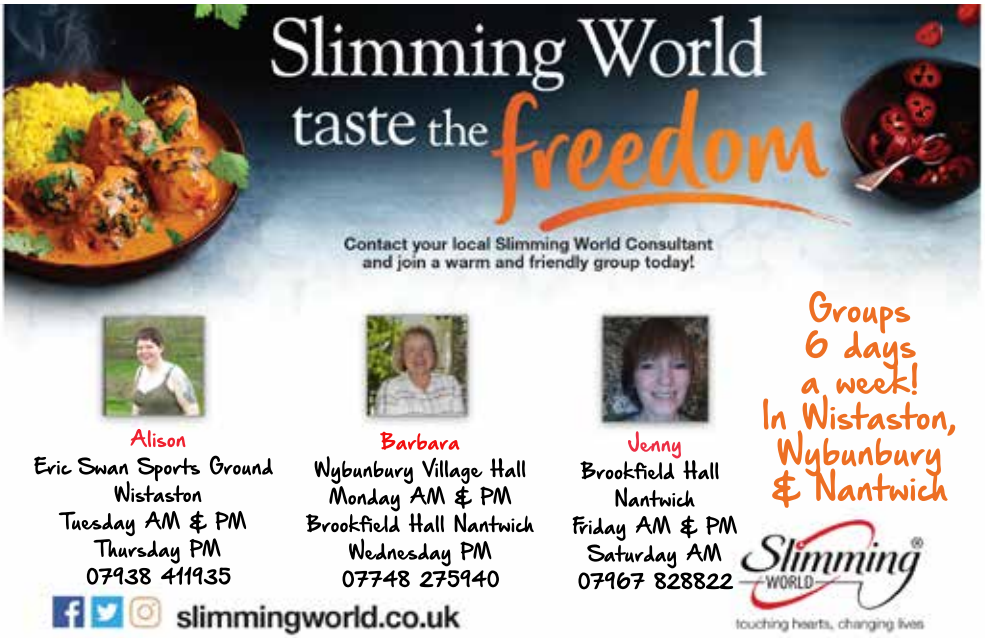
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So, don't delay! We have limited places available to join this vibrant, energetic, creative drama group! Looking forward to meeting you soon.

For more information : www.wistastonyoungdramagroup.weebly.com
email: wydg@hotmail.co.uk
or contact Judy 07506022709



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This is a very interesting old photograph of Church Lane but is it the right way round? Your comments would be welcome.

Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club

The Club is situated behind the Memorial Hall in Church Lane with two floodlit hard courts.

With the relaxation of Covid restrictions play at the Club has been fairly normal since the beginning of April.

We entered three teams in the South and Mid-Cheshire Tennis League. Both the A and B teams finished mid-table in their respective Divisions but the C Team gained promotion from the 5th to the 4th Division.

Junior Coaching has been very well attended through the Spring and Summer and five Junior Tennis Camps have taken place on five Fridays in July and August.

Club Membership fees until 31/03/2022 are as follows:
£75 Adult - aged 18 and over
£55 Student - aged 18 and over and in full-time education.
£40 Junior – aged under 18 and in full-time education
£25 Off-Peak – Monday to Friday 2pm to 6pm (Adult/Student/Junior)

Anyone joining after 1 October who wishes to play through the winter until 31/03/22 will pay 60% of the above fees.

Bill Heath – Chairman and Membership Secretary 01270 560471
Junior Coaching Contact - George Raiswell – Club Captain – 07752 789492

***Bill Heath*:** Membership Secretary

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Answers to Six of the Best on page 12:- 1. Chelmsford. 2. Sunil Gavasker. 3. The Gillette Cup. 4. Australia. 5. Everton Weekes. 6. Hampshire.

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All units meet term time only.

For further information, google Girlguiding UK and follow the link to *"Volunteer with Girlguiding"*. Your enquiry will be sent to the District Commissioner who will contact you and match you to a unit requiring a volunteer.

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CREWE AND NANTWICH RAMBLING CLUB

Rambles would normally take place on Sundays throughout the year. There is a choice of 6, 9 or 12 miles. Travel by coach with pick-ups at Nantwich, Wistaston and Crewe. There are also Thursday morning walks throughout the year on a four weekly basis, travelling by car, and the option of a pub meal after the walk.

New members are very welcome - please contact Richard Farrall for further information on 01270-624649 or visit www.creweandnantwichramblingclub.org.uk.

Report from Wistaston Church Lane Academy

In June, all of the children at Wistaston Church Lane participated in 'Carnival of Culture' for two weeks. During this time, each year group learnt about a particular country.

In year 5, we studied New Zealand, including its geography, culture, history, art and customs.
In English, we learnt all about Captain James Cook, who set sail to find a new continent. On the 6th October 1769, they arrived in New Zealand but Captain Cook wasn't convinced this was the place he was looking for. He mapped the coastline and discovered it was made up of two islands.

We learnt about Waitangi Day, made flip-flap knowledge books and chocolate-covered kiwi lollipops, which are traditions they follow every year, and we also made Matariki kites.
We made traditional Maori tribal masks and had great fun learning the Haka dance!

By Chloe and Maisie W

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On Monday 28th June, it was our school Sports Day. It all began with the Infants. They did a range of events and Beeston ended up being the winning team.
In the afternoon, it was the Juniors' turn. We did sprint, sack race, bouncy hoppers, bean bags, 500m and relay. Everyone chose 3 events to take part in. The last race was relay, which unfortunately took place in the rain!

Before Sports Day began, we had all done the field events. At the end of this, the scores were really close, with 3 teams all in a draw. However, at the end of the competition, the winners were Beeston!

Sports Day was a bit different this year, as unfortunately we couldn't have parents there to watch, but we all had a great time anyway!

By Isabelle and Ella

Diamond Anniversary Celebrations

Wistaston and District Flower Club has been part of life in the village since 1961 and celebrated its Diamond Anniversary in May 2021. Its motto has always been "Play with Flowers and Smile" and this still holds true today. Amongst those early members were Margaret Cope and Christine Harper who are still members. Over the years members have enjoyed watching demonstrations by talented, creative floral designers, learning new skills through workshops and enter competitions both within the club and other NAFAS events. They also enjoyed trips out to gardens and events.





Judy Gratton leads a Workshop

Sixty years later members participate in similar activities and continue to play an active part in the community. In recent years we have supported the Rose Queen Festival and the Wistaston Produce Show. Together with Nantwich Flower Club, we have managed the Floral Art section of Nantwich Agricultural Show which is hoped will run again in 2022.

Our club aims to preserve the best of the history and traditions established by those early founder members while moving forward and embracing new ideas. Did that first committee ever imagine our anniversary in May 2021 would be celebrated by a Zoom demonstration? Well, we did and what a fabulous event it was! Debbie Davies shared her fabulous ideas and created a special Diamond Anniversary piece for us - see page 35. The Zoom was greatly enjoyed by fifty plus people and we will consider similar events for the winter months but most of all we hope to be able to open the doors of the Memorial Hall and welcome members and visitors back to afternoons of flowers and friendship very soon. See social media and village notice boards for details of future events.

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Judy Gratton's prize winning flower arrangement