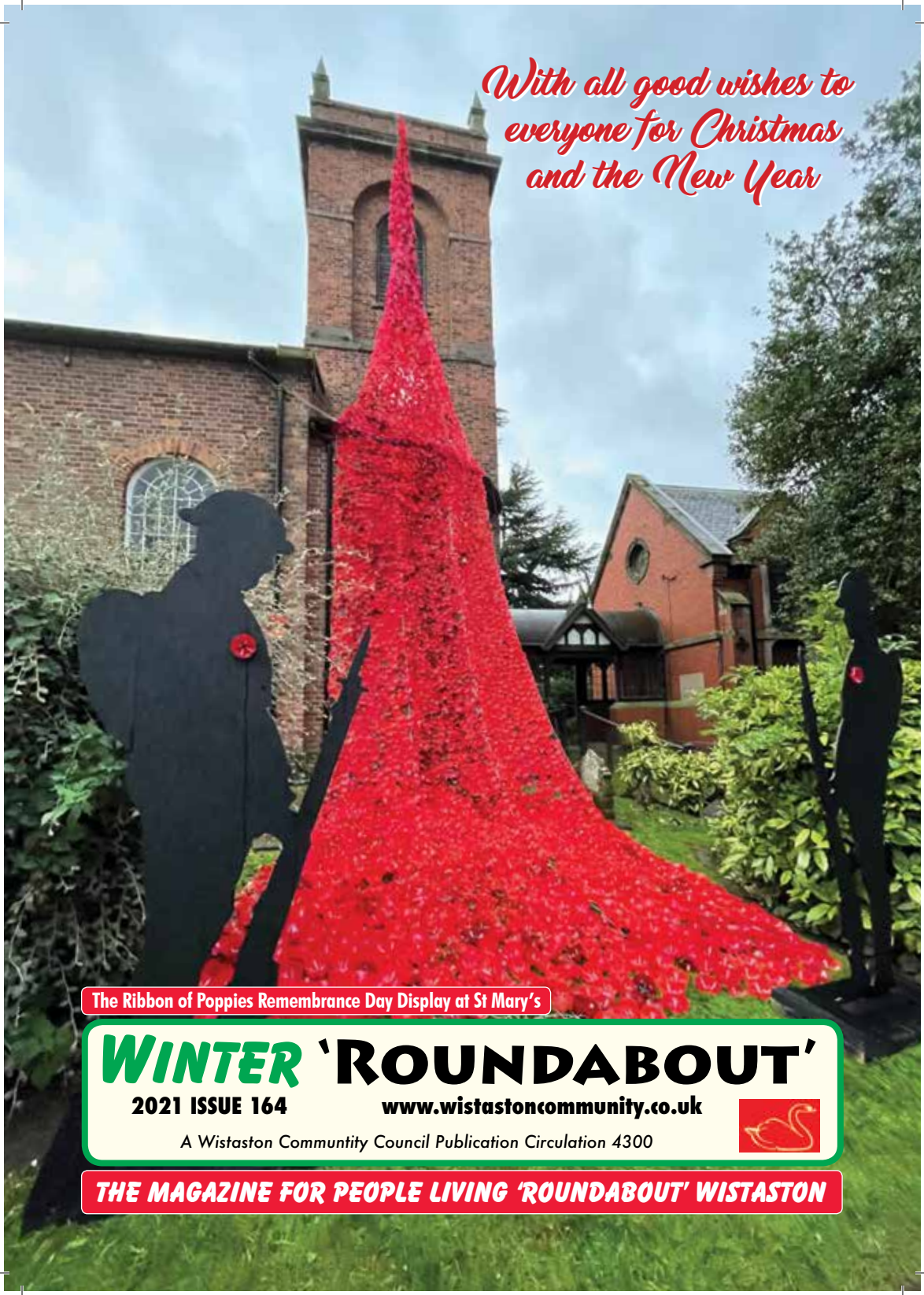


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EDITORIAL FOR WINTER 2021

Hoping everyone is looking forward to Christmas and that we can avoid a lock-down this year although the future is still fraught with uncertainty.
The Winter Editorial **continues on page 5.**
We have very pressing business to attend to now on this page as we need to choose our 2021 Wistonian of the Year.

Wistonian of the Year

The award of Wistonian of the Year has been made for over 40 years now and has been given to so many active and helpful volunteers and residents of our wonderful community. Wistaston Community Council was formed from the village group that in 1977 organised the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebration. Three years later in 1980 we awarded the first Wistonian of the Year to Gladys Byrne who had been so instrumental in organising the village Silver Jubilee events. A full list of winners can be seen on our website at: Wistonian of the Year - Wistaston Community Website
Each year in December we ask, primarily through the Roundabout magazine and now through our Facebook page, for nominations for the award from any organisation, group, or individuals in, or associated with, Wistaston. Nominations are then considered by Wistaston Community Council selection committee and the award is made at our AGM in January.
The winner of the award has usually contributed to village life over several years or has recently done something that is notably worthy and deserving of recognition. The award is then given for one year and the winner receives a commemorative shield to keep. During the year the Wistonian of the Year is then invited to take part in the WCC village events and may well be involved in other events in Wistaston
We hope that the award and taking part in village events is fun and while not too onerous does help recognise the individual's contribution and the wider activities in Wistaston.
If you know of someone that has helped and contributed to our community of Wistaston and should be recognised for their contribution, then please nominate them by completing this form and sending it with a summary of the nominee's achievements to Dane Chaplow at 30 Westfield Drive, Wistaston or email chairman@wistastoncommunity.co.uk to arrive by 4th January 2022.

We, the undersigned nominate:
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To: The Residents of Wistaston and Rope Parishes

This letter is to inform you that the Management Committee of Wistaston Memorial Hall (The Trustees) are now considering looking into the process of building a new Memorial Hall which is fit for purpose and will continue to be a fitting memorial for the sixteen men of Wistaston who lost their lives during the Second World War.

This will be a long term project with 2030 as our aimed completion date.

Obviously this is going to be a very complex process since on our site we have both the Tennis Club and the Bowling Club as well as the Memorial Hall and car park.

We envisage considerable change to the site with a new larger Memorial Hall, larger car park and possibly access to Church Lane Junior School via the school field. All of this is, of course, subject to approval of all concerned.

We would welcome and appreciate constructive comments from the residents of Wistaston and Rope and any other interested parties.

Please send your comments and ideas in writing to:

The Management Committee
75 Church Lane
Wistaston,
Crewe CW2 8ER

The Management Committee
(The Trustees)

EDITORIAL FOR WINTER 2021

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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 Spring edition, due out in early March by 15 January.**

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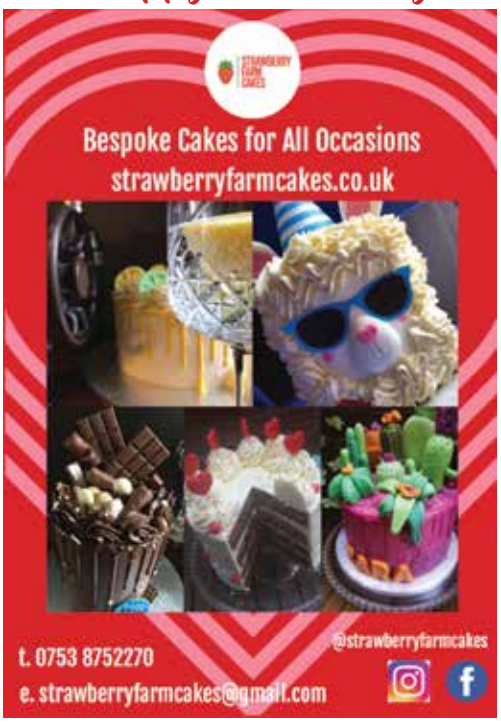
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Dates for your Diary - 2021/22



Friday 3 December - Christmas Concert - Postponed until next year
Sunday 26 December - Boxing Day Walk See page 35.
Monday 17 January - Community Council AGM 7.30pm in Memorial Hall
Saturday 18 June - Village Fete
Saturday 20 August - Flower and Produce Show

The Community Council wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.



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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. Budgets.
Our annual review is again under discussion for next year. Similar to last year our target aims are to support our community groups and add to our infrastructure projects whilst maintaining the same level of Parish council tax based on a band D property. Details will be published in our 20th Jan 2022 meeting for discussion and approval.

2. Community Governance.
Cheshire East Council (CEC) are conducting a review of governance and electoral arrangements for Town and Parish Councils. This is a requirement usually every 10/15 years and the first for CEC.
We are currently in the consultation phase to be completed by the end of November. Reviews take account of new developments, population changes, boundaries, number of councillors and warding.
We are aware there are no proposed boundary changes for Wistaston, however there may be changes to Councillor numbers. The final report will be available later next year in time for the 2023 elections.

3. Litter and Dog Waste.
We continue to report this to raise awareness to the risks and keep our Parish recreation areas safe for use. Whilst still a concern we have seen some improvements since our last report thanks to the public, Ranger and volunteer teams. Updated figures will be included in future reports.

4. Speed Indicator Device (SID)
Following further discussions with CEC a start has been made to install our sockets and post in Broughton Lane. This has been a very long awaited program but we hope to have the SID unit in operation early in the new year. Trial results will be published in future reports.

5. Wistaston in Bloom
Our volunteer group carry out all the preparations and tasks to maintain our flower beds, tubs and displays. Their work has been highly praised with a number of successes in the regional competitions.
With changes to numbers we are looking for additional helpers. If anyone can spare a few hours for light task work they will be made welcome. Interested? contact our Clerk or the secretary Bill Heath on Tel.560471.

6. Future meetings.
Our open meetings are continuing with social distancing and limited numbers to make them as Covid safe as possible.
We would ask residents who wish to attend to inform our clerk in advance to help make appropriate arrangements.
The next meetings are 16th December 2021 and 20th January 2022. Start time 7.30 pm. in Wistaston Memorial Hall.

Cllr. J Moore

Chairman

A warm welcome to Wistaston Swans WI



Nearly 8 months ago several of us local ladies, using only facebook, zoom and social media, became very busy in Wistaston working on an ambitious plan…. and even Covid was not a deterrent for this determined group.
Their vision was to form a brand new and very modern Women's Institute group which was sadly missing in Wistaston, but please don't type-cast us just yet….

We're not quite what you would possibly expect of a WI group. We are breaking the mould with the use of social media and introducing modern, bold, refreshing and new inclusive opportunities for local women and those presenting as women.

On 28th July the ***Wistaston Swans WI*** charitable status organisation was formally launched at The Brittles community hall. And with just a few monthly meetings now under our belt, we are very proud to confirm we have over 80 members signed up, ranging from age 25+, including hard working mums and retired ladies, right through to accountants, members of the teaching profession and business entrepreneurs to name just a few. An exciting and dynamic pool of local talent!
The diversity of our members brings with it a relaxed, welcoming, atmosphere where everyone makes new friends with ease. Our monthly meetings provide an opportunity to not only listen to informative speakers such as on mental health and well-being; get useful advice on our money management; enjoy timely Christmas wreath making and crafting; right through to more light hearted speakers with a good touch of comedy thrown in. Join our facebook page to see much more.
In-between our monthly meetings held at The Brittles hall, off Church Lane, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, several of our additional WI 'sub-groups' are now developing well. These, extra added-value, WI groups enhance our members opportunities to not only socialise but also to build up new friendships, learn life skills and explore various new hobbies. Since July, our initial sub-groups have already provided opportunities for our members to undertake:

Wild Water Swimming in several gorgeous lakes across Cheshire;
Rambling informative local walks, especially for our newbies, to get to know more about our lovely area;
Book Club with monthly reviews held at our local pubs;
Theatre and comedy trips supporting our theatres and local venues;
Whilst giving something back to our other locally based charities along the way, just to name a few of our additional activities.

With many more interesting speakers, social events and sub-groups being planned in the coming months by our enthusiastic members, would you be interested in making new friends and having some fun along the way?

If so please do not hesitate to contact us **via our facebook page - Wistaston Swans WI -** or come along to our next meeting on the **2nd Wednesday** in the month, **7:45 at The Brittles**, to find out lots more.

It's just **£5 for new visitors to attend.** Refreshments and raffle are extra.

Come and see what our modern, welcoming, ***Wistaston Swans WI*** has to offer you too.

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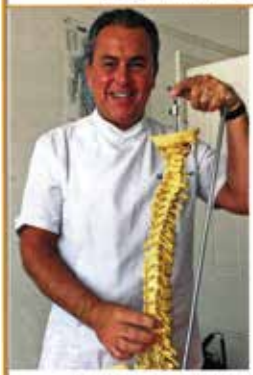
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Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

For Wistaston Village Cricket Club, 2021 has been a season of mixed fortunes. Compared with the playing season of **2020**, badly affected by **Covid 19**, our various playing elevens had a mixed season with notable highs and in others not gaining what had at the beginning of this season seemed attainable.

2021 Playing Record:-

Based on information collated involving a painstaking exercise the following is a record of achievements. Apologies if there are any glaring errors. Please do not shoot the editor.

The **1st XI** competing in **Division 4 of the UK East Cheshire Cricket League** with **twelve** other teams had a very successful season and achieved the runners up position by winning **thirteen** of their **twenty** fixtures, totalling **377 points** just seventeen points behind eventual champions **Trafford Metrovics C.C.** (**394 points). Cholmondley C.C.** finished third with **365 points.** Well done Wistaston Firsts !!.

The **2nd XI** competing in **Division D (West)of the UK East Cheshire Cricket League** unfortunately did not fair too well. Playing alongside thirteen other teams, they finished second from bottom, managing **five** victories from their allocated list of **twenty-two** fixtures.

The **3rd XI** competing in **The Stone and District Cricket League** had by far the most rewarding season by finishing top of their league by the narrowest of margins of just **six points** just pipping **Alsager 4th XI. Excellent!!!**

The Swans XI

The ladies team **"The Swans"** playing in **Division 3 West of the Cheshire Women's Cricket League** had a disappointing season finishing bottom of their league.

Now to our junior sides - the future of our cricket club.

All of our junior sides play in the South Cheshire Junior Cricket League.
Our **Under 9's** enjoyed a relatively good season attaining a mid table position at the conclusion of their campaign Having played **ten matches** they ended with a creditable **61 points** finishing **sixth** in their league. Well Done!!
The **Under 13's** also enjoyed a settled season, like the Under 9's they finished also **sixth** at the end of their season, playing **nine fixtures** and ending with **37 points.**
Finally our **Under 15**'s having completed their season of **ten matches** finished with a total of **42 points** and finished **ninth** in their league.

Well done to all of our junior teams.

LADY PLAYERS REQUIRED FOR THE FORTHCOMING 2022 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 nor self-belief of taking the next step. New players will be guaranteed a warm welcome to our cricket club so take the next important step towards playing cricket, please contact either **Pauline or Kevin Jobbins** on **01270483494**, for more details on what our cricket club can offer you.

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

Bingo: At the time of going to press our Bingo evenings were due to re-commence on the third Friday of October. For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either Kevin or Pauline Jobbins 01270 483494

To all of the readers of Roundabout, best wishes for the rest of the year, be safe and have a pleasant, enjoyable Christmas and will touch base with you again in **2022.**

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

Just for Fun. Six of the Best

1. Which country will host the 2023 cricket world cup?
2. Who captained Australia between 1975 and 1977?
3. Grace Road is a cricket ground in which English city?
4. What was legendary umpire Dickie Bird's real first name ?
5. Who was Player of the Series for the 2013-14 Ashes series ?
6. Which first-class county club did Phil Tuffnel play for from 1986 to 2002?
Answers on page 22.

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'New Holiday Camp' in Swift Close

'Tourists' i.e. Blue Tits, Great Tits, Long-tailed Tits etc. are very welcome at this new amenity in Wistaston. Entertainment included, free of charge.

We have had an influx of birds at our feeding station. Bird food, nuts and water all topped-up daily. A choice of swimming pool is available: a large bird bath for swimming/washing/drinking and a small pool for drinking and splashing.

We have been entertained by these lovely birds flying back and forth sampling the delights.
Who needs a foreign holiday when you can watch as many as 12 birds at once? Even the blackbirds join in now and are slightly less demanding of my husband's time, although blackbird 'husband and wife' are up early and waiting for the kitchen blind to open and my husband to get the food from the greenhouse. This 'burst' of activity has been going on for weeks and 'mother' blackbirds have just finished feeding their youngsters even though the 'babies' are larger than their parents.

The blackbirds arrive in pairs with the female making a chirping noise to get my husband's attention. However last week she was slow to recognise him as he was wearing shorts and a white tee shirt and was prepared to turn her back on him and walk away. However she must have decided that this 'new human' was better than nobody and she turned back to the food that is put out daily.

I must finish now as a coach has just arrived and the tourists are already in the pool!
Helen De' Falco 14 September 2021

Wistaston Conservation Group

Hi, FellowWistonians,

Just a few words about what our Conservation Group has been doing lately. As well as our usual maintenance work such as path clearing and cutting back overhanging foliage as well as planting various young trees and woodland plants, we have been extending the path through the area we have been calling 'The Wet Area'.

While hardly on the same scale as the Three Gorges Dam project in China, we are modestly pleased with our efforts to divert a drainage stream via a culvert underneath the path so that in wet weather flooding is reduced. The work on the path is nearing completion and you may be pleased to know that all the materials with the exception of the plastic pipe used for the culvert are sourced locally and are the by-product of our woodland work.





The path mentioned starts where the squirrel and bird feeding stations are situated, a short distance along the tarmac path in a westerly direction from the Children's Playground at Joey the Swan. To help people to more easily find it, we have renamed the area around it 'The Spinney'.

May we take the opportunity to thank one of the dog-walking ladies who made some delicious cakes for our group several weeks ago. They were consumed in record time!

Local Wildlife : During late summer the Environment Agency sampled parts of Wistaston Brook looking for the presence of our native White-Clawed Crayfish. Widespread across the country but rare, this UK protected species is threatened by the North American Signal Crayfish. This year the EA found neither species in Wistaston Brook. At Nantwich, on the other hand, the Signal Crayfish is present in that particular stretch of the River Weaver. Further information on our local wildlife is held at the Record Centre for Cheshire, located at Chester Zoo. Anyone can contact Cheshire Records online about wildlife sightings in a local area. So, if say a water vole for example is seen, this observation would become part of the National Biodiversity Network atlas, which is free to view and may be accessed at nbnatlas.org

Wistaston Conservation Group - concluded.

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.

WISTASTON IN BLOOM

By the time you receive this edition of Roundabout we will have received the result of the 'Britain-in-Bloom North West' competition.

Because of the Covid pandemic the award ceremony is being regionalised with the Cheshire results being presented on the 29 November in Northwich.

There was no competition last year but in 2018 and 2019 we won 'Gold' and the Conservation Group won the equivalent gold in the 'It's your neighbourhood competition'. Let us hope we have continued to maintain the standard set in 2018 and 2019.

The flower beds and boxes have been excellent this year and with the very mild autumn have continued to be a very colourful show well into late November.

We still require new active members for the Bloom Group for next year. So if you are interested contact the Secretary.

Bill Heath

Secretary,
Wistaston-in-Bloom.
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Thank you to Jonathan White for his photograph at Jacksons Corner.



The Laurie Twiss Award



Overall winner and Trophy holder	Isabelle Griffiths	*Palm Oil*
Best news article	Isabelle Griffiths	*Palm Oil*
Best Story	Naomi Da Silva	*Joan*
Second prize	Grace Davies	*Lullaby*
Third prize	Evelyn Bradbury	*We Swapped!*

Highly Commended

Poppy Tomkinson	Thunder and lightning
Eliza Coombs	The Last Line
Amelie Westbrook	The Magpie's Cry
Felicity Rowland	Alone
Jonty Crowther	My Football Journey
Lara Sloane	Lockdown

There was a wonderful selection of entries for the Laurie Twiss Award and some superbly imaginative stories. Well done to all contestants and look forward to next year's entries. With many thanks too for the help given by local schools.

report from willaston WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The group met for the fourth time since the end of restrictions and enjoyed making up for lost time and catching up with friends. A new Committee for 2022 was elected and Janet Warnes became President.

Craig Bailey, Chairman of Willaston Parish Council gave a very interesting talk on the history of Reaseheath College. It has grown considerably over the years offering many different courses. He mentioned several Royal visits. The first in 1936 being from the Duke of Windsor who at the time was Prince of Wales. Members recounted their own experiences with the college which included attending courses, taking grandchildren through the maze and a daughter's wedding.

We are looking forward to Christmas lunch at Crewe Golf Club and a full year of meetings in 2022. New members and visitors are always welcome. For more information please contact Brenda Taylor 01270 623191 or any Committee member.

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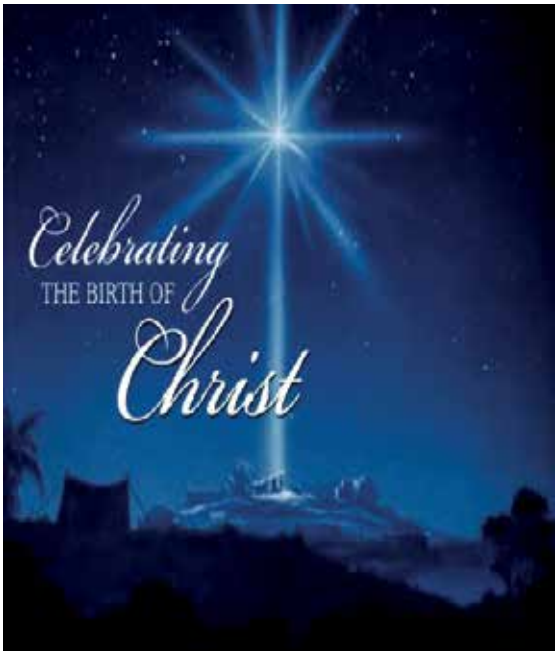





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Sunday 19 December, 6.00pm Carol Service

Friday 24 December, 4.00pm Christmas Eve Christingle

Christmas Day, 10.30am Family Praise

Come and join our Christmas Celebrations. You will be most welcome.

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Having missed a year on account of the pandemic, we are pleased to present another season of films that raise spiritual, moral, social and political questions, besides offering an opportunity for a brief discussion of these issues afterwards (though there is no obligation to remain once the showing has ended). Licensing arrangements do not allow us to publicise the title of these films, but further information is available, on request, from Malcolm Crook, m.h.crook@keele.ac.uk

Sunday 12 December
Sunday 9 January
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Sunday 13 March

All films start at 2.30pm. There is no charge, but a donation can be made. You may bring your own refreshments. Wells Green Methodist Church is situated at the junction of Brookland Avenue with Crewe Road, next door to the Vets, CW2 8EJ

St. Mary's Wistaston : Christmas at St. Mary's

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Services this year. It will be fantastic to be back in church this year to sing carols and hear the Christmas story once again. Due to the popularity of the Crib Service, and to keep everyone safe, we are having to 'ticket' that service, marked with a (T) below. Our website has all the latest information - stmaryswistaston.org.uk. I look forward to seeing you over the Christmas period.
Every blessing, *Revd Mike.*

Special Christmas Services at St Mary's

Saturday 18 December: 5pm - Carols on the Green (outside St Mary's)
Sunday 19 December: 6pm - Nine Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve: 6pm - Crib Service (T)
Christmas Eve: 11:30pm - Midnight Holy Communion
Christmas Day: 10.40am Holy Communion for Christmas for all the family

Revd Ken Sambrook



It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Revd Ken Sambrook who passed away on Wednesday 10 November after a brief spell in hospital.
Ken, a servant of God, our churches, the Diocese, the community, a dear friend to us all.

His time spans many years here in Crewe and Wistaston where along with his wife Sheena, he helped, inspired and cared for so many people, young and old. He did this within the local community and at church where he was a Sunday School Leader, Reader and Priest to name but a few. The list goes on .. He was a Scout leader, Padre to the Crewe Branch of the Royal British Legion and a tireless ambassador and fundraiser for Diabetes UK. Of course not forgetting, he was also a lifetime Crewe Alex fan!

Within all of this he was humble, gentle, selfless, caring, he always had time for people, he strove for justice, had a fantastic sense of humour and 'lived out' his faith each day. Those who knew him will have so many fond memories of him. He will be greatly missed and will never be forgotten.
Personally he was not only a fantastic colleague to me he was a dear friend with whom I spent many happy hours over the years and I will miss him greatly.
Please keep his family in your prayers.

With every blessing *Revd Mike*
Thank you to Jonathan White for Ken's photograph

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Press release – for immediate release
Nantwich Town Mixed Walking Football - Come and give it a go every Tuesday at 5pm!

We're looking for more players of both genders to come along on Tuesday and experience both the joys and benefits of Walking Football.

What is Walking Football?
Walking Football is really just football at walking pace. The game is small sided, with no running on or off the ball, very little contact and kick-ins instead of thrown-ins. It has become increasingly popular with a 2022 World Cup to be played in Manchester.

Why play?
It is sociable, fun and keeps you both mentally and physically active!

Who can play?
Walking Football is aimed at everyone over 50. However younger players are welcome to come along, as well. Don't worry if you haven't played much football - we're looking for players of all abilities!

What do I need?
A pair of trainers, t-shirt and shorts is fine. We recommend that you wear shin pads. We will give out coloured bibs to distinguish each team. Don't forget a waterbottle to keep yourself hydrated.

Recent new player feedback
Our new players have enjoyed themselves with one saying 'I must say that they were a great bunch and a great hour well spent'. A new female player said that 'it was exactly what I was looking for and playing regularly will help get me fitter'.

Where do we play?
Every Tuesday between 5pm - 6pm, on the 3G Arena astroturf pitch at Nantwich Town FC. Cost is just £4 per session. We play all year round.

Please come along to the next session on at the 3G Arena, Nantwich Town FC!
Need more information?
Please email richardtate97@outlook.com. Alternatively just turn up on Tuesday between 5pm - 6pm.



Nature Article

Despite our sandy, easily workable soil we seldom get moles in the garden, but earth-moving on the lawn in July proved we had a visitor. As soon as the earth was smoothed over back the hill came, with new protuberances appearing. August and no let-up in excavations. Tunnels are fabricated to include a nest for the young in the springtime breeding season. They can run immediately below ground surface or several inches deeper, the passages cleared by the breast-stroke action of the mole's out-turned front limbs. Excess soil is upthrust to produce our familiar molehills. Main tunnels have subsidiary branches off: the origin of the tunnelling a cavity known as a 'fortress', formed beneath an especially large molehill as a space also for sleeping and breeding. The mole's short tail is held erect to gauge tunnel size, eyesight understandably being poor, but senses of touch and hearing are well developed. Grubs and worms are dug for the diet of this animal which lives a solitary existence apart from mating time when it produces a litter ranging from two to six.

From one pest to another: this is in the guise of a grey squirrel clever enough to have learnt to undo the lid of a so-called 'squirrel-proof' bird-feeder. The creature was caught with its snout buried in the body of the feeder, tucking into an easy meal. Trevor's catapulting skills are once again being honed, so neighbours beware: he's no William Tell or Robin Hood and his shots generally miss the target!

One welcome sight, however, was that of a toad shuffling out of the potato patch during harvesting of the crop in August. It had obviously been enjoying the shade of the vegetable leaves during the seriously hot period. Unlike frogs our toads mostly dwell on land, returning to ponds solely to breed. By day toads live in holes (hence the culinary dish, presumably), emerging at night to feed on invertebrates. How many of us have seen the beady strings of its spawn, unlike the 'tapioca pudding' of the frog?

Andrew Booth notified us about sighting two redwings in his garden in Freshfields.

Our thanks to all contributors.

Trevor and Hilary Clowes
Tel. 664358 email handt136@talktalk.net

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Answers to quiz on page 13. 1. India. 2. Greg Chappell 3. Leicester. 4. Harold. 5. Mitchell Johnson. 6. Middlesex.

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Motherwell Community Share Hub

Motherwell Community Share Hub, based on Beech Drive, Wistaston is here to support the local community.
Originally set up in 2019 to help with the costs of school uniforms, the hub has continually grown and supports local families in many ways. The hub is a centre for a variety of support, from our school uniform service, to also supporting new families with the costs of becoming parents.

What the hub offers:

School uniforms
Winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves
Baby bank
Sanitary packs
New baby packs
Donations
Nativity costume hire
Halloween costume hire
Christmas jumpers
Prom dress and suit hire
Library
Hub volunteers in Crewe

You can contact Motherwell on a variety of platforms,

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Email - motherwellhub@motherwellcheshirecio.com
Text - 07496 160941
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Website - www.motherwellcheshirecio.com

Wishing everyone well at Motherwell



Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club

The Club which is situated behind the Memorial Hall in Church Lane with two floodlit hard courts had its own internal knock-out competition during the Summer culminating in Finals Day on Sunday 12 September. With the results as follows:

Men's Singles won by George Raiswell who beat Ryan Harper-Griffiths
Men's doubles won by Roy Broughton and George Raiswell who beat Andrew Good and Rob Hickey.
Open Doubles won by George Raiswell and Andrew Good who beat Oliver Cox and Ryan Harper-Griffiths.

The Junior Tournament played a few days before Finals Day was won by James Hough and the beginners Tournament won by his brother Sam Hough.
The most improved Junior Award was presented to Tom York.

Junior Coaching continues to be well attended and this year we had a number of Junior Tennis Camps.
Contact George Raiswell for Junior Coaching on 07752 789492.

Club Winter Membership is available until 31 March 2022 with reduced fees.
Contact Bill Heath on 01270 560471 : Chairman and Membership Secretary

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Wda Wistaston Drama Academy

Drama for the Community



We welcomed back our members in September after the summer break.

In a COVID secure environment we are able to provide creative and stimulating activities for our members. They have been working on interpretation of written text with some fabulous improvisation skills. It has been wonderful to see the children develop their ideas and confidence to some stunning produce pieces of theatre. We are planning on a Christmas Show, for parents to enjoy.

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 8 onwards to be part of this long standing, award winning drama group.

We meet every Saturday morning from 10.30am to 12.45pm at Wistaston Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston CW2 8ER.

So, don't delay! 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
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or contact Judy 07506022709 or 01270 650341



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Leafy Church Lane



This fascinating photograph of Church Lane just before the First World War shows a world that had hardly changed for hundreds of years but is about to. Mr Ted Richardson says the photograph is the right way round as the newly built Vestry is seen to the left of the Church and there are no buildings on this side whereas on the other side there were quite a few houses. One of the girls is probably Mr Richardson's mother who can remember the road first being covered in tarmac. He considers that the girls are close to what became the road into Sandylands Park but which then was the local sand pit for building materials.

Mr James Collier considers the photograph is the wrong way round and supports his views with very technical and involved reasoning. Thank you so much for that. Mr Collier's email will be printed in its entirety hopefully in the next edition with more comments. Thank you to everyone who has commented or emailed about this photograph.

Wistaston Flower Club



Wistaston Flower Club reopened in September with the fabulous Vanessa Wellock from Ilkley. Vanessa's title was "Sixty Glorious Years" and her designs reflected flower arranging styles from the past to the present, with pieces inspired by Constance Spry through to contemporary, modern styles. It was all very appropriate as the club is sixty years old this year. *See Vanessa left.*

Anne Houghton followed in October with her afternoon entitled "Pot Luck." There were pots galore filled with beautiful flowers accompanied by Anne's stories and helpful hints for creating our own arrangements. In November we held our AGM at Crewe Golf Club and then enjoyed a lunch with the chance to chat with fellow flower lovers and friends. We are looking forward to seeing Nigel Whyles in December with what is sure to be a festive atmosphere.

Wistaston Flower Club is delighted to be open in the Memorial Hall again. We are holding a Floral Styling Evening for Christmas on November 29th when everything will be provided to make a table decoration or door wreath. We won't meet in the hall in January but hope to offer a zoom demonstration so that we can enjoy a demonstration from the comfort of our own homes.

Everyone is welcome to join in all our activities as a visitor or a member. Members can join again in February when we open for a whole new programme starting with Linda Hardman's "Designer Diamonds."
For more information and to book places for events please contact Carol on cazc47@gmail.com or phone 07989 880679

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Crewe and Nantwich Rambling Club : Rambles will normally take place on Sundays fortnightly throughout the year. There is a choice of approx 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.

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Wistaston Singers

Annual Christmas Carol Concert Returns!

3pm Saturday 11th December 2021

Come and join us at St Stephens Church, Gainsborough Road, Crewe

Tickets priced £6 (£3 concessions) include a wonderful refreshment buffet during the interval. The concert lasts about 2 hours. As well as performing a number of beautifully arranged Carols and Christmas music, there is plenty of opportunity for you to join in and sing traditional carols with us. Tickets are available on the door but better reserved or purchased in advance from Mandy Ramsden - 07920 449543.

The Wistaston Singers Choir was first formed over 20 years ago as a church choir based at St Mary's Church, Wistaston. Over the years it has spread its wings and now has over 40 choir members - men and women (sopranos, altos, basses and tenors) of all ages. Our repertoire ranges from musical theatre and contemporary popular pieces to classical and church music. The Choir performs a few concerts per year at various local venues and rehearses weekly at Gainsborough Primary School, Belgrave Road, Crewe on Wednesday evenings.

After Christmas we will be re-cruiting new members (especially men). No auditions are needed! If you are interested in joining a friendly choir then come along and see us in action first.



Photo: Some choir members in recent rehearsal for carol concert

The Berkeley Academy, Laidon Avenue Crewe CW2 6RU



This term we have been exploring our new Nursery setting. We have loved discovering all the things we can learn both inside and outside. We have really enjoyed getting to know the new children who have attended and getting re-acquainted with the children who came before.



We have read lots of exciting stories which have influenced our activities and learning. This half term we had an extra-terrestrial visit from aliens who love underpants and they bombarded our outdoor area with boxers and briefs! We have also met a witch who helped us carve a spooky pumpkin and brew magical spells and we received a letter from the very busy squirrel who even sent us some black-berries to bake into a cake!

Also we at the Berkeley Academy are incredibly proud to be starting a new weekly Baby and Toddler group for £3 per family. This will be held each Thursday morning during term time starting on 4 November 2021 at school, between 9.15am – 10.45am. Refreshments will be available for parents/carers and a snack for toddlers. We are also excited to say that there will be a monthly Rhythm Time session during this group.
We would love to see you there, so please come along!



Wistaston's Annual Flower and Produce Show Saturday 20 August 2022
Schedule of Classes
We do hope to run as normal a Show as we possibly can.

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 es 13, 14,17,18.
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. You may enter more than 1 type.
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

Hopefully this section will run as usual this year but more details will be available later.

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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. You may enter more than one craft.

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

C1. Pre-school : My Favourite Flower
C2. Under 12's : A Miniature Garden in a seed tray approx. 6 x 8 inches
C3. Under 12's : A Greeting Card
C4 . Under 12's : A Decorated Plant Pot
C5. Under12's : A Vegetable/Fruit Creature

Parish Council Photographic Competition

Free to enter
Class A: A Typical Snapshot.
Class B: A Cardboard Framed Enlargement.
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Members of the 35th South West Cheshire Wistaston Scout Group who as John Bennett their Group Scout Leader said – had all helped, young and old, and had been involved in the Display.
Special thanks must go to Scout Leader Tom Austin who had been influential in leading the project.

Thank you to Jonathan White for the superb photographs and text on the front and back covers.