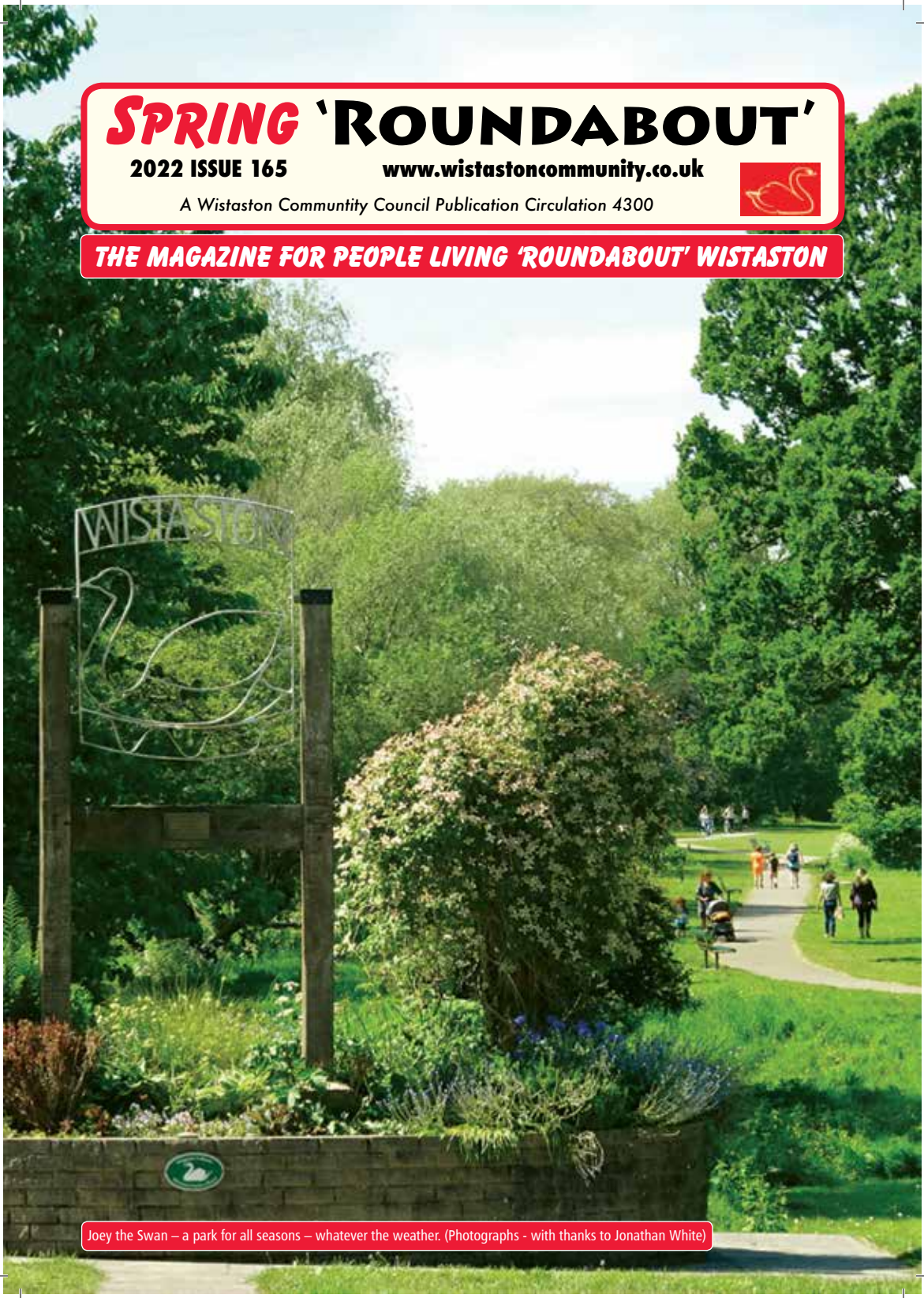
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EDITORIAL FOR SPRING 2022

Hoping everyone is looking forward to Spring and that we can avoid a lock-down this year although the future is still fraught with uncertainty.
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 Summer edition, due out in early June by 15 April.**

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Congratulations to our Wistonian of the Year for 2021. Find out who on page 4. It is very well deserved and is an award that is long overdue.

Wistaston has won Gold in the Wistaston in Bloom Competition. Very many congratulations to the Committee and to the Conservation Group for their Outstanding Award for the Joey the Swan parkland. See article on page18.



Our cover photograph shows off Joey the Swan. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful amenity in our midst and this land was donated to the people of Wistaston by the Fathers of the Oblate Mission who live across the road in Wistaston Hall.

Dates for your Diary - 2022



Saturday 18 June Village Fete
Saturday 20 August Flower and Produce Show
Saturday 10 September Duck Race

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

I must apologise to readers and contributors for not yet completing two mysteries of Wistaston, but they will be finished! Firstly the mystery of the photograph, which way should it be? However there are several contradictory views and they all need to be heard. Likewise with Spot the Dog. I need more information on this and Mr Richardson is very kindly helping. Wistaston is a place of hidden mysteries.

Wistonian of the Year **Andrea Cross**



Andrea Cross who has lived in Wistaston for over 40 years has been presented with the Wistonian of the Year Award for 2021. This is long over-due as her life has been one of continuous community involvement which has included Assistant Brown Owl in the Brownies; supporting the South West Cheshire Beaver cubs with activities and refreshment days; netball coach and actively involved on sports day with the Wistaston County Junior School; Committee member of the Friends of Wistaston; supporting the Drama group on costumes and make up; Netball coach at Shavington High School.

However Andrea is perhaps more well-known for her role as Clerk and Finance Officer for the Parish Council, appointed in 1997 and working within our community for over 23 years.

A considerable achievement. A long service that was carried out in an exemplary and professional manner which had many successes. The main examples were preparation of grant applications for the Children's Play-ground, lottery grant for the Brittles pavilion, field development grants for the Eric Swan Sports' Ground, and forestry grants to develop our wood-lands to improve access a new planted woodland and preparation of Parish Plan. Also managing our Park Ranger to maintain our recreation open spaces and woodland areas and organising events including the annual Civic Service.

Her financial role was particularly important for planning, audit submissions, presentation of papers monthly and for each annual budget programme. Andrea has a natural empathy towards others and had close involvement and good working relationships with our many organisations providing helpful guidance and information and helping to resolve resident concerns.

A powerful list – Congratulations Andrea

South Cheshire Wildlife Trust South Group

We have booked the following speakers for the spring 2022 talks at Brookfield Hall, Nantwich, CW5 7AD Start time 19.30 cost £4.00 including refreshments

Monday 21st Feb 2022 Michael Potts 'Mysteries of British Seabirds'

Michael is a renowned photographer who has worked on many BBC documentaries and gave previous talks to us on Travel to the Arctic and Wildfowl of the World.

Monday 14th Mar 2022 (please note change of date)
A short AGM followed by Kevin Reynolds 'An Introduction to Dragonflies' a talk full of wonders of these amazing insects

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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. Budgets.

Your council completed our financial review for the coming year at our January meeting. I am pleased to confirm the budget has been set to maintain the same level of Parish council tax as 2021 based on a band D property. With an increased number of new build developments our precept will have a small increase which has contributed to help keep control of expenditures.

2. Wistonian of the year.

On a personal note supported by Council members we congratulate Andrea Cross on achieving the Community Council's prestigious award of Wistonian of the Year.
Andrea is well known within our community contributing to many organisations in the past as well as our Parish clerk for over 23 years.
An award that is well deserved.

3. Litter and Dog waste.

We again report the increasing levels of discarded waste that blights our general community, recreation open spaces and woodlands.
After showing some small signs of improving, the overall picture for last year is very disappointing.
We extend our thanks to all residents who help our dedicated litter picking teams and Ranger.
Figures for 2021 (in brackets 2020)

Green backs (sacks)	433	(269)
Dog bags	619	(444)
Face masks	840	(283)F
Nitrous Oxide cannisters	46	(9)
Snap bags	89	(62)

More help is sought. If anyone wishes to join our teams please contact our Clerk.

4. Resident concerns.

We receive many enquiries on how to report street problems of potholes, blocked drains, weed treatments and localised flooding.
Your Council continues to report these but residents can raise these by direct contact with Cheshire East highway's on 0300 123 5020 for urgent matters in working hours or 0300 123 5025 out of working hours or their website fixmystreet.cheshireeast.gov.uk

Future meetings.

17th March 2022 7.30pm, 21st April 2022 7.00pm Monthly Meeting, 8.00pm Annual Meeting, 19th May 2022 7.30pm, 16th June 2022 7.30pm 21st July 2022 7.30pm,15th September 2022 .30pm, 20th October 2022 7.30pm, 17th November 2022 7.30pm, 15th December 2022 7.30pm

Cllr J Moore
Chairman

Wistaston Church Lane Academy - **Reports**

Amazing Whitemoor Lakes: On Monday 27th September until Wednesday 29th September 2021, Year 4 went to Whitemoor Lakes on a residential visit. They set off at 9:30 and arrived at 11am. When they arrived, they had a tour and then went for food.

The activities were climbing, abseiling, raft building, obstacle courses, team games, and campfires. They also did some inside activities because it was raining, including circus skills and animal magic - they saw patterned tarantulas (some children held them), corn snakes, owls, skunks, meerkats, tortoises and chameleons.

There were brilliant facilities set in a stunning location. Everyone had such a good time and enjoyed themselves and were very proud of what they achieved.

Mrs Culshaw said: "All the children challenged themselves in many different ways. We are really proud of them."

Mr Farrell said: "All the children reached their boundaries and beyond and pushed to do new challenges. Everyone achieved the goals they wanted. Well done, Year 4!"

The children who did not attend stayed at school and did Maths, English, Geography and Art projects such as pottery animals and Celtic pots. They had lots of fun. **By Amelia and Ella**

Delamere Residential : This term, Year 3 went to Delamere Forest on a residential visit. Y3JW went on 19th to 20th January and Y3L 20th to 21st January. When the children arrived, they unpacked their luggage, chose their beds in the dormitories and started their activities. On the trip, the children did orienteering, den building, night walk, campfire, habitat walk, hammock building, fun games and activities. They built dens with wood that they found in the woods and used maps to find their way through the woodland. In the evening, they went on a night walk with a guide showing them tracks from animals that had previously been there. They saw owls and other things they wouldn't see in the day. After the walk, they roasted marshmallows over a fire and sung songs. On the second day, they built hammocks on trees with Delamere providing the equipment needed.

The staff said it was fantastic but freezing cold. The children loved every minute and there were many smiles despite the cold weather. After two busy days, they were very tired and came home very muddy indeed! One pupil said: 'This was the best trip I have ever been on.'

'My favourite part was watching all the children try new things and grow in self-confidence throughout the activities,' reports Miss White. **By Georgia and Ella**

Children's Mental Health Week : Monday 7 to Friday 12 February.

From Monday 7th to Friday 12th February, it was Children's Mental Health Week. The theme was 'Growing Together'. Everyone in the school did some activities for this.

In Year 6, they wrote reports to see how much they have grown over the period of time. In Year 5, they filled in ladders that said what they were proud of each day. In Year 4, they made a display on how they grow together and wrote some inspirational quotes. Some of these were: "keep on going", "don't give up", "follow your dreams" and "dream big".

All the children in the school and some of the teachers did the climbing wall that was in school from Wednesday to Friday. They did it to chase their dreams, face their fears and be supportive of others. Everyone from Foundation to Year 6 participated in the spectacular feat of clambering up the climbing wall as tall as the school. Many children achieved their goals and surprised themselves. **By Katie and Jess**

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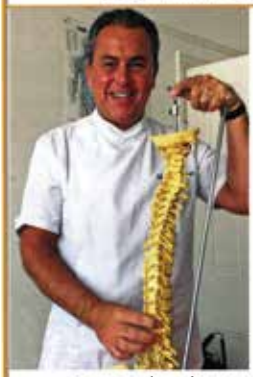
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Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

Firstly, before I commence my first editorial for **2022**, I sincerely wish all the readers of **Round-about** a very happy and healthy New Year. As the new season beckons, and having attended the cricket club's recent Annual General Meeting, reports from both committee members and team captains reflect a positive feeling within the club of looking forward to building on a creditable **2021** campaign with an even more successful **2022** playing season.

The **2022** campaign, will as usual commence April until September and as usual all the essential preparations will have been carried out at "The Brittles" by our dedicated ground staff - **Kevin Jobbins, Dean Titus and Mark Bourne** who will continue to ensure that perfect wickets and outfield are in place again to enable the cricket club to enjoy another successful season. It is a known fact that visiting teams over past seasons look forward to playing at "The Brittles" because of our facilities, which is extremely encouraging to know.

The club's chairman reported that during **2021,** the playing facilities were an important focal point within the club and plans are in place to improve further these facilities with our outdoor nets. The cricket club's bar facilities had been a great success during **2021** and were appreciated by the visiting cricket clubs as part of our in-club facilities (which included our excellent teas).

As mentioned in my Winter editorial,our **1st XI and 3rd XI** sides enjoyed successful campaigns and hope to maintain that drive during the forthcoming season **Our 2nd XI** are focused on their forthcoming campaign and on improving on their **2021** campaign

Our ladies team **"The Swans"** may have struggled during their last campaign but with players returning to the fold they are motivated more than ever to a more productive **2022** campaign having unfortunately struggled with player availability in the past. **New players are most welcome for 2022** and to this end I can only reiterate my past requests. Please be assured that any newcomer to the club will be warmly welcomed also those who are reading this editorial and who may feel that they would like to play cricket with our club should contact in the first instance **Andy Whitehurst 07785931517.** We, as a club, would readily welcome you and would ensure that the facilities are available to encourage you to join us and enjoy your cricket.

For the junior teams, the cricket club continues to cater for players from **9 to 15 years of age.** Please note from the list of current club officers, there are coaches who will ensure that any new-comer has the very best of coaching. The next step is down to you.

Good progress has been made throughout **2021** with several players from the Under 15's step-ping up to senior cricket and thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Election of Officers 2022

Chairman :- Andy Whitehurst. Vice-Chairman:- Keith Thornhill/Neil Townsend. Secretary:- Tristan King. Treasurer:- Carl Thorpe. League Representative:- Steve Collins. Club Welfare Officer:- Tanith Allwood. Fund-raising Manager:- Gemma Whitehurst. Head Groundsman :- Kevin Jobbins. Grounds Men :- Dean Titus and Mark Bourne.

President:- R.Titus. 1st XI Capt:- Ryan Briddon. 2nd XI Capt:- Andy Whitehurst. Sunday XI Capt:- Josh Adams. Ladies XI Capt:- Anna and Toyah. Ladies Manager:-Open. Under 9's Coaches:- Tristan King and Marcus…nder 11's Coaches:- Keith Thornhill and David Gregg. Under 13's Coaches:-Kevin Jobbins and Chris Jobbins. Under 15's Coaches:- Tanith Allwood and Peter Owen. All stars Coach:- Steve Collins. Roundabout Editor:- John Avery. Other committee members Kate Birchall and Billy Ridgway.

Information shown above taken by yours truly from attending the AGM. Apologies for any minor errors that may arise. (J.A.)

For those readers who enjoy watching a game of cricket, why not make a detour to The Brittles on a Sunday afternoon, where you will be made very welcome.

Wistaston Cricket Club continues their search for players for the current cricket season, not only to promote but further improve on the great progress achieved over past seasons. As mentioned on many occasions we offer cricket to adults and juniors of *ALL STANDARDS* therefore if you are interested in joining our cricket club please contact Andy Whitehurst:- 07785931517 in the first instance. Take that all important first step.

Practice evenings for 2022.

For future 2022 practice evenings please contact Andy Whitehurst 07785931517.
We offer cricket to adults and junior of all standards and we are proud on being very much a child friendly club and 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 **Andy Whitehurst 07785931517** in the first instance.
The cricket club holds Bingo evenings every **third Friday** of each month at the **Wistaston pavilion lounge at The Brittles** to raise funds and a warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to join us. Bingo evenings re-commenced last **November** and will continue on **every third Friday of the month** until further notice. Have a word with **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins (01270483494)** for further information.

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

Just for Fun – Cricket Teasers – Six of the Best

1. **Nasser Hussain last captained the England Test team in which year?**
2. **Who is the only batsman to record 400 runs in an international Test match?**
3. **Who was the player who reached 10,000 runs in cricket?**
4. **Who has recorded the most career runs in England Test match cricket?**
5. **How many days did the longest recorded Test match last?**
6. **The Big Bash League is based in which country?**

Answers on page 15

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Wistaston Conservation Group

Hello again everyone, we hope you are all keeping well.

To keep you up to date with what we have been doing recently:

In addition to our usual tidying up and maintenance work, we have been carrying out clearance of fallen trees and debris after the recent storms. Some of the larger trees and branches will have to wait until the parish council can arrange for contractors to remove them, but all the lighter stuff we, in conjunction with the Park Ranger, have been able to make safe and dispose of. Fortunately, just before the storms arrived the annual woodland appraisal organized by the parish council had been carried out and there was less debris than otherwise there might have been.





We have now finished off the work we had been carrying out in the old filter bed area, which is now known as The Spinney, with some signs to help to find it.

The pathways through here are now covered with wood chippings that will make it more user-friendly for people taking a walk through the woods, and we hope to carry out some similar work on other paths that can be unpleasant to use in wet weather.



We have received a consignment of 420 trees of various varieties including Wild Cherry, Rowan, Hawthorn, Silver Birch, Blackthorn, Pedunculate Oak (English or Common Oak) from **The Woodland Trust**, that will be placed in our 'nursery areas' for planting out in 2022. To make room for the new trees we have planted out 148 trees this year from the nursery. These have been added to the **BBC Country File Plant Britain** website.



The Woodland Trust is currently organizing **The Big Climate Fightback** scheme that will help get more trees in the ground across the UK, to combat Climate Change.

If anyone wishes to get the latest on the Big Climate Fightback events and activities and discover new opportunities to get involved in the fight for the UK to be richer in woods and trees, more information is available on the Internet.

Another similar scheme is **The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC)** which is a tree-planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage the planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations. Again, more information is available on the Internet.
The local **Rotary Club** with the help of children from **Church Lane Academy** have planted Crocus bulbs in The Spinney area, which along with the Bluebells recently planted in the higher part of the Spinney should give a colourful display in the Spring.

If anyone would like to speak to us about the work we are doing, have any useful suggestions for future projects, or would like to join our group, 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.

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Answers to cricket quiz on page 13: **1. 2003. 2. Brian Lara (Vs England 2004). 3. Sunil Gavasker 4. Alistair Cook. 5. Nine days (England V South Africa 1939). 6. Australia.**

report from willaston WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Willaston WI started the new year on a magical note with a talk by Peter Turner who spoke about the crafts of magic and illusion. With the help of several WI members he demonstrated tricks with great skill and even with close observation we could not work out how they were done. He is often requested to perform at weddings and parties. In lock down he has completed several books on the art of illusion.

The meeting was very ably led by Janet Warnes who has taken on the President role after Marian Proudlove stepped down after four years. Jan was assisted by Diane Debens who is our new Assistant Secretary.

Following a most enjoyable Christmas Lunch in December at Crewe Golf Club, the first one for two years; members are now looking forward to regular monthly lunches at local pubs. In January this was at The Sacred Orchard, Nantwich on the 28th and much enjoyed by everyone. The February lunch will be at the Woodside in Wistaston.

The Book Club meets once again at the home of Sylvia Cornock, on a monthly basis.

In February George Hughes spoke about his service in The Grenadier Guards. His talk included lots of amusing anecdotes, when rules were slightly broken and he explained the very strict training which leads to the immaculate dress and performance of the regiment. He had met the Queen several times and found her a lovely lady with a sharp sense of humour.

We are looking forward to our 'Members' Evening' which is held in March when Non-Committee members take over to provide an evening with a difference.

New members and visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings at the Masonic Hall, Willaston, CW5 7ER on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Please telephone Brenda Taylor 01270 623191 or any Committee member for more information.

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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 with 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.

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Britain in Bloom 2021 - **Wisaston wins two awards**



Wistaston has won at the 'Britain in Bloom' (North West) 2021 awards for the third year in succession.

Wistaston in Bloom won a 'Gold Award 2021 in the Town Category' and Wistaston Conservation Group won a '2021 It's Your Neighbourhood Award of Level 5 - Outstanding' for the Joey the Swan parkland in Wistaston.

Bill and Helen Heath from Wistaston in Bloom received the certificates for both awards, on behalf of the village, from Bernard Pendleton (Chairman, Britain in Bloom North West) at a ceremony at Northwich Memorial Court on 29th November 2021.

No judging took place in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Bill Heath, Secretary of Wistaston in Bloom, said: "Members of the Bloom Group, the Wistaston Conservation Group, Parish Council, Park Ranger, Jim Dentith from Crewe Road Nurseries, together with residents, all played their part in winning these prestigious awards. We hope to keep up the standard and win a fourth Gold Award in 2022." (See back page for *Who's who).*

North West in Bloom is the voluntary regional organisation that administers the Britain in Bloom competition in Lancashire, Cheshire, Greater Manchester and Merseyside, and is one of the 18 regions and Nations that comprise Britain in Bloom.

Britain in Bloom is one of the most effective, and longest running environmental competitions in the United Kingdom and each year it grows in size and importance and involves more people, groups and organisations within the community. Since 1964, communities from across the North West have demonstrated their ability to create and maintain attractive environments that benefit residents and visitors alike.

With many thanks to Jonathan White for text and photographs.

Emily meets the Dutchess of Cambridge

Hello, my name is Emily Edge, I am a 10-year-old scout, and live in Wistaston Crewe. On the 3rd of November 2021, I had the privilege of meeting The Duchess Cambridge and a 98-year-old former Scout and Veteran (Colonel Blum), to make a documentary on Remembrance.

This is my story……. In October one of our Scout Leaders, Tom Austin, was contacted by Gilwell Park, the Country's Scout Headquarters; they had heard that Tom was putting up an enormous poppy display at St Mary's Church; Wistaston. A request was made for a girl cub scout to write a 100-word piece about themselves and from that I was chosen to travel to London and be filmed at the Royal Chelsea Hospital. I was quite nervous at the time, but Kate immediately put me at ease.



We had a friendly chat and made paper poppies. During the filming a door slammed; in another take an airplane flew overhead and the questions had to be re filmed.

I learnt many new things such as what kind of jobs the scouts had in the war, e.g., watching over London for fires and helping evacuees on to the trains.

In doing this I also had the honour to be invited and attend the Duchess's Carol Service in Westminster Abbey on the 8th December which was filmed and shown on ITV on Christmas Eve. We were so fortunate to have seats just behind the Royal family.

An experience I will never, ever forget – a BIG THANK YOU TO TOM AUSTIN who made this happen.

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Wistaston Memorial Tennis Trophy Tournament in memory of two stalwarts

By Jonathan White

A new annual tennis tournament – 'The Wistaston Cup' - has taken place at Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club (WJTC) over several weeks on the two courts behind the Memorial Hall. The Wistaston Cup is a round-robin format, taking place over several months involving two teams of eight players, with four matches over four rounds. Points are awarded for each set/match won. Incredibly, in its inaugural year, The Wistaston Cup, after several months and sixteen matches was a draw, as 'Team Alan Jones' and 'Team John White' both equally reached the winning line of 48 points!

The Wistaston Cup was purchased by Jonathan White, younger son of John White, who presented it jointly to both teams in a ceremony on the evening of Wednesday 9th February 2022. The presentation ceremony was preceded by a club night attended by several members.

The Wistaston Cup was kindly setup by George Raiswell, aged 21 from Wistaston, who is a WJTC committee member in memory of two former WJTC members – Alan Jones and John White – with the two teams named 'Team Alan Jones' and 'Team John White'.



-Alan Jones, passed away in July 2021, aged 88. He was a dedicated tennis coach from Wistaston who helped WJTC youngsters and club regulars develop their skills. He served as a county coach in Cheshire for many years, featured on the veterans circuit, including playing at Wimbledon, and he was still turning out on court well into his eighties.The annual WJTC Junior tournaments have been renamed in his memory.



-John White, passed away in July 2020, aged 80, from cancer. He was a former WJTC Chairman, who in 1999 received a Lifetime Achievement Award from WJTC and in 2010 received Honorary Life Membership from WJTC in appreciation of his Outstanding Service to the Club from its foundation on 16th June 1979. In 1980 Wistonians Frank Tew and John White purchased a trophy - known as the 'Tew-White Cup' – which, to this day, is presented to the WJTC Men's Singles winner. Prior to and during his retirement from the education sector, John White was also Secretary of the South & Mid Cheshire Tennis League for over thirty years. In 2011 John received the Honorary County Colours from the Cheshire Lawn Tennis Association for his long-standing services to the South and Mid Cheshire Tennis League. In 2021 the annual Slazenger South and Mid Cheshire Tennis League Presentation Day was renamed the 'John White Presentation Day' in his honour.

George Raiswell, The Wistaston Cup organiser, said: "I grew up being taught by both Alan Jones and John White! They got me into the game of tennis from the age of 7. I'm glad we have something set up to remember them both."



Nature Article

Our mole activity continued with attempts to topple greenhouse, but without success, and no other mammals have caused bother apart from the eternal scourge – grey squirrel. Four or five buzzards have been seen and heard mewing in clear skies. We believe they were young ones emitting a weaker, more sorrowful, cry. Very much ground feeders, blackbirds turn over leaves in the road for grubs and insects, but often disappear when dawn breaks. Starlings start to filter in, spasmodic in nature; as late as December still juveniles about as clear of speckles. Long-tailed tits' arrival is voiced by tinkling bell contact calls, and we were honoured to have six at our fat-feeders the stormy day of 5 October. They bustle through, with no lingering feeding spell. Unlike 'blue' and 'great' tits, 'long-tails' are not noted for a love of suburban settings. Early October and was the croaking frog in our pond fooled by unseasonably warm weather into thinking spring and mating time? House sparrows were taking an interest in all three nest-holes in the terrace. Were they also fooled? The sudden cold of early November should set them back on track. Jackdaws predominate in Sandylands Park, by no means unusual, but there are dire shortages of passerines at feeders.

It is the fungal season, with fairy rings on the lawn, but if you don't know your velvet shank (*Flammulina velutipes*) edible, from your sulphur tuft (*Hypholoma fasciculare*) poisonous, it's wise to leave well alone.

A grey wagtail flew low through our garden 3 November: yellow belly, grey above; strangely not near a source of rushing water, its preference streams in hilly country. Despite merely passing through, a rare and uplifting sight. A red admiral butterfly was seen in the garden early November, a species which migrates from the Mediterranean region in spring and not expected to survive a northern winter.

A raven honked somewhere vaguely over Sandylands Park, 11 December, and, still talking corvid, during crowd feeding sessions it has been noted how respectful the crow family are towards the humble wood pigeon, whereas they may turn on their own kind. Even rooks, with their dagger bills, don't seem to stab pigeons out of the way. Is the reason the pigeon's superior size?

Binoculars focusing on canopies of trees in allotment bank of Sandylands Park prove most small birds to be goldfinches. A further rarity at our feeders these days was a great spotted woodpecker in December, and we were overjoyed by the visit of a song thrush (even rarer) on New Year's Day.

Our thanks to all contributors.

Trevor and Hilary Clowes
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Motherwell Cheshire CIO

are pleased to announce that we have joined the **Recycling for Good scheme.** We know the importance of recycling what we can - it ties in with our **Community Share Hub** and the ethos of reusing items there.

We can now take a range of items - including old mobile phones, any condition, old coins or bank-notes, foreign change, old tablets, gaming systems, cameras, broken jewellery and costume jewellery. We can also take stamps - please do collect stamps for us if you get post. All of these items can be dropped off at our hub, at any of our groups or at our offices on Beech Drive. We are open Monday-Thursday 10-4.

If you are a local business interested in being a drop off point for these items, please get in touch with events@motherwellcheshirecio.com

Every item you drop off helps raise money for Motherwell, so you can help us, help the local community, and help the environment at the same time.

Looking forward, we are busy planning a jubilee celebration and looking forward to celebrating with the community.
Don't forget, you can keep up with what we are doing via our social media - @motherwellches on twitter or /MotherwellCheshireCIO on Facebook, or on our website at www.motherwellcheshirecio.com

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St Mary's, Wistaston : Easter Services



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Drama for the Community

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As well as working on basic stagecraft, voice work and general performance we provide the young people with the opportunity to explore their creative skills and working as part of a team. Our sessions are fully interactive and great fun!



Are you interested in having fun with your friends whilst showing off your dramatic side? If so, then Wistaston Drama Academy would be delighted to meet you.
We are always interested in welcoming young people from our community aged 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
email: wydg@hotmail.co.uk
or contact Judy 07506022709 or 01270 650341



A huge thank you to the Wistaston in Bloom Committee and the Conservation Group whose work all contributed to Wistaston winning such prestigious awards. Thank you to them all and the stalwart litter pickers too.

The Laurie Twiss Award

During this rough wild weather it could be a good opportunity to write a story or article for the Laurie Twiss Award.
The winner will be able to keep for one year the Laurie Twiss Trophy plus an additional prize. 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:
Eileen Bamber, 31 Broughton Lane:
eileen@bamberuk.com

Good Luck with your writing!

Readers photographs:



This heron spotted on the Poets Estate by Jonathan White looks definitely engrossed in his favourite programme!

If you spot something interesting, snap it and please send it in to Roundabout.

Wistaston Flower Club

The Memorial Hall

1st Wednesday of the month (except January) at 2.30



It's all about the flowers and friends! Our common interests involve us in demonstrations, workshops and season events. Now that restrictions are lifted we can return to full capacity, welcome visitors to our events and bring back the popular sales table. There is always a raffle so that the wonderful designs the demonstrators create for us can be taken home and enjoyed by the lucky winners. We have a year of our fabulous favourites booked to help us celebrate our 61st year starting with Linda Hardman with "Designer Diamonds." We can also look forward to seeing Sara Barrow's "Sugar 'N' Spice" and Kate Russell's "A Floral Scrapbook." May 4th will see a special ticketed event to celebrate our postponed Diamond Anniversary with Cake and Fizz and the wonderful local florists Mark Entwistle and Jacqui Owen duetting with "Botanical Buddies."

As a large group of flower lovers we are keen to share our enthusiasm for our hobby and our skills with a new audience. We hope to offer flower arranging sessions for all ages and abilities in an informal setting so that whether you are a complete beginner, more experienced or maybe you would just like to dedicate time and space to create your own designs there will be something for you. If you know of a school or youth organisation that might like a taster session let us know and we could arrange a visit.



We would very much like to support local events this year so look out for us at The Rose Queen and Village Fete, Nantwich Show and Wistaston Produce Show. Look out for arrangements around the village for National Flower Arranging Day on 6th May. Get in touch if we can support your event or you would like to join in any of ours! For more information please contact Caryn Murray on 07530 682196 carynmurray24@gmail.com or Jean Jones on 07795555492 jmj57@hotmail.co.uk

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We now have spaces for more singers especially altos, tenors and bass voices. No auditions are needed! If you are interested in joining a friendly choir then please come along to a rehearsal or contact Mandy Ramsden 07920 449543 for more information.

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The Berkeley Academy – Year 5: Written by Paris and Isabella

This term has been very busy and exciting for us in Year 5. We enjoyed a fantastic theme day where we learnt about Vikings. During our theme day we had a visit from a Viking named *Olaf the Beardless*. He told us how the Vikings lived and what they did. We played a game in the hall where we were split into Anglo-Saxons and Vikings; the Anglo Saxons had shields made of cardboard and the Vikings had spears made from foam. The Anglo-Saxons won with 23 Points to the Vikings 18.

It has also been exciting in Year 5 this term because we have had Forest School. A Ranger called *Ranger Dan* took us for Forest School in our fantastic woodland area at the bottom of the field.

We have enjoyed doing lots of different bush craft activities such as how to make fires safely chopping wood and using tools safely and of course our favourite – making dens.

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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

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.) *agreed.*

Section H - Housecraft Classes

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

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

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