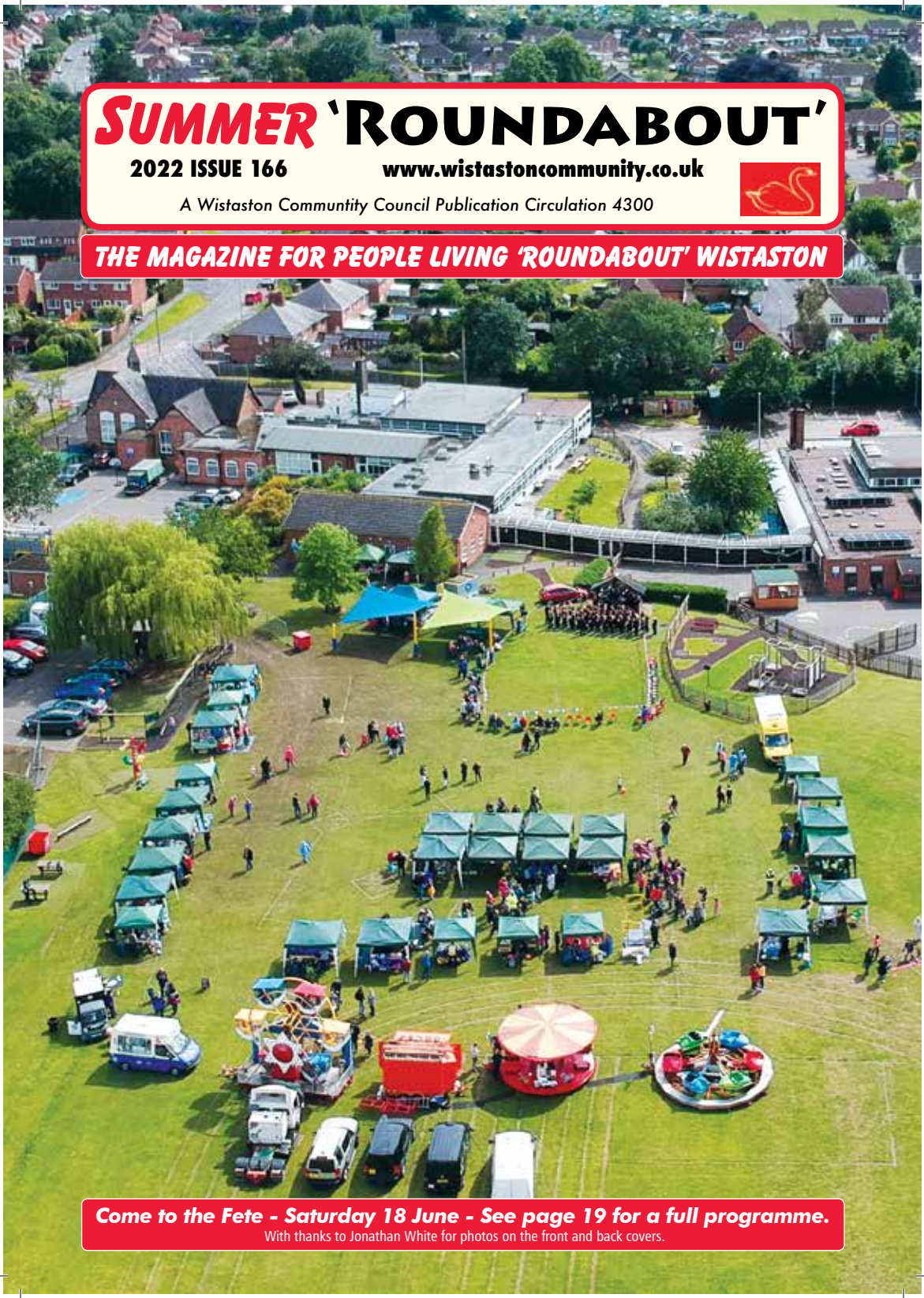
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Dates for your Diary - 2022

Saturday 18 June Village Fete
Thursday 14 July Crewe Concert Band - Memorial Hall. See page 5
Saturday 20 August Flower and Produce Show - Church Hall
Saturday 10 September - Duck Race
Saturday 5 November - Fireworks

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!

Wistaston Community Council's next event is the Village Fete - theme -

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Church Lane/ Crewe Road boundary. I wonder what this year's arrangement will be like.

Thank you to the Photographer.

Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. Community Governance - we reported in our Winter edition details of the ongoing CEC governance review. This has been finally approved at their meeting held on the 27th April.

Report for Wistaston; a) There are no changes to Boundaries.
b) Cllr numbers are to reduce from 15 to 12.
St Mary's ward 5 (reduction of 2)
Wells Green ward 3 (same)
Wist. Green ward 4 (reduction of 1)

This change was aimed to balance the number of Cllr's more equitably to electors in line for a Council of this size.
The full report is considerable (768 pages) and can be found on the CEC web-site.
New elections are planned for Mid 2023.

2. Volunteers - we have several community groups supported by the Parish council's volunteer working groups who keep our village an attractive and safe place to live.
These are; Wistaston in Bloom. Litter picking.
Conservation. Speed watch.
Whilst we have active dedicated teams more help is required.
If any resident can spare a few hours of outside activities they would be made welcome.
Training will be provided for the Speed watch group.
Interested? please contact our Clerk or one of the team members.

3. Litter and Dog Waste - we continue to report details in recognition of the litter team efforts and to raise public awareness.
Figures for the period Jan to May 2022 have shown an improving trend.

Green bags (small sacks)	120
Dog bags	90
Face masks	253
Nitrous Oxide cannisters	19
Snap bags	28

We again request that you please take your discarded items home or place in any waste bin.
Dog bags can be placed in both black and red bins.
We extend thanks to all who help our litter teams and Ranger.

4. Community support officer (PCSO) - owing to our previous PCSO Sophie-Jebb-Bowman leaving our area.
A replacement officer has been appointed PCSO Bradley Siddall.
With Covid restrictions largely lifted we hope to see the regular resident surgery meetings being made available.

5. Future meetings. - 16th June 2022 7.30pm, 21st July 2022 7.30pm
15th September 2022 7.30pm, 20th October 2022 7.30pm,
17th November 2022 7.30pm, 15th December 2022 7.30pm**.**

Cllr J Moore **Chairman**

The Laurie Twiss Award for 2021

The 2021 Laurie Twiss Award went to Isabelle Griffiths for her news article *Palm Oil*; the Best Story went to Naomi Da Silva for *Joan* with second and third prizes going to Grace Davies and Evelyn Bradbury. They were all winning entries which made it extremely difficult to choose a winner. Thank you to everyone who sent in their articles/stories and we can now look forward to the entries for 2022.

I'm afraid I can't do justice to Isabelle's winning article as I can't transfer it as it should be seen. Isabelle sets out some of the current environmental problems which we should address before it's too late.

***Palm Oil* - What is the problem with palm oil? The latest updates:**
Palm Oil is not the problem but how we are overusing it is!
Palm oil is found in Nutella, pizzas, doughnuts, chocolate, shampoo, toothpaste and lipstick. Bur you can easily get these items without palm oil in.
There is a superb symbol from Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO). Established in 2004 to show products without palm oil in them. We need to stop! Palm oil is destroying animals' homes. Orangutans are endangered because of palm oil. As the production of palm oil is causing deforestation it is estimated that worldwide an area of rainforest the size of 300 football pitches is cleared every hour! … *There is more, very valid material.*

Joan

My heart was pounding and my wounds were leaking blood like a waterfall. The world seemed to cave in on me and my vision went black. What happened?
My eyes slowly opened to see a pale face towering over me. 'Shut up she is awake!' shouted the boy. My eyes adjusted to the light and I sat up, all around me were straw tents and friendly faces. I soon noticed I was the only girl. Where am I?' I asked the boy.
'Welcome to the cave, I am Mino.' He said kindly. 'Can you remember your name yet, it's the only thing they let us keep.'
'Joan' I replied firmly while still taking in my surroundings. There were ten tents in the whole place. They were carefully made of wood and woven together with straw. Next to each one was a little garden filled with vegetables. In the middle of it all there was a big bonfire with people singing, dancing and drinking around it,
Later that night Mino introduced me to all of his friends. 'Are you stuck here?' I asked them.
'Until we find a way to leave, yes.' They answered.
That's when I started my Quest to leave.

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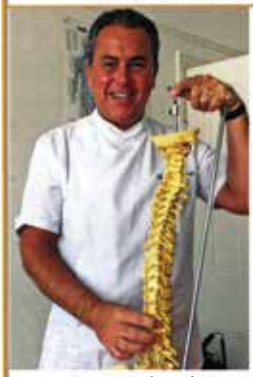
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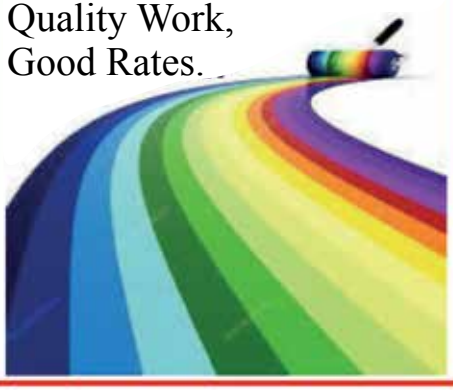


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Wistaston Village Cricket Club

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Our Ground Force week-end scheduled for the beginning of **April** went ahead as planned thanks to the dedicated ground staff that I previously mentioned in my **Spring** editorial. Since the **23rd April**, our senior and junior cricketing members and visiting cricket clubs to **The Brittles** have enjoyed the high standards that we, as a club, have put into our facilities and as you continue to read this editorial you will hopefully find the contents of interest.

The First Eleven: At the time of compiling this editorial, having played a total of **four** fixtures, our **First Eleven** who are competing in **The Cheshire Cricket League Division 2**, have not had a particularly good start to the **2022** season and have yet to record their first victory.The league in which they are competing is strong, however under the captaincy of Ryan Briddon I am certain the team will recover from the uncertain start and I am in no doubt that my next quarterly editorial will reflect that. After the opening four fixtures, **Ryan** has scored an impressive **119 runs** and **James Hogben** is the leading wicket taker with **7 wickets** closely followed by **George Botham** with **6 wickets.**

The Second Eleven: are competing in **The Cheshire Cricket League Division C South/Central**, have also played **four fixtures winning one and losing 3**. **Anna Bourne** leads the wicket taking with a commendable **15 wickets.** On the batting front leading run scorer goes to **Mark Bourne** with **79 runs** from just **3 innings**.

The Swans XI: The ladies team **"The Swans"** who participate in **Division 3 West of The Cheshire Women's Cricket League** are, as I type, top of their league having won both of their opening fixtures against **Porthill Park CC** and **Nantwich**. Record to date stands at played **5 fixtures Won 2 and lost 3.** In her two appearances **Hannah Burnett** has scored **49 runs.**

Under 13's An exceptionally good start to the season has been made by the **Under 13** team who have a **100% record of played 3 and won 3 matches.**

Under 11's Our **Under11's** are still awaiting their first victory of the season after four matches, however, their games have been in cases very close in results and it is merely a matter of time before they secure their first victory.

Under 9's. Finally our **Under 9's** also are awaiting their first victory, again in a very close fixture with **Crewe**, the result could easily have gone either way. Their first victory should not be too far away in achievement.

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

Bingo - The cricket club holds Bingo evenings every third **Friday** of each month, with the exception of a break from June to August at the **Wistaston Pavilion Lounge at The Brittles** to raise funds and a warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to join us. **For more details of our Bingo evenings, please contact either Kevin or Pauline Jobbins Tel: 483494).**

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 harbored the idea of playing cricket but have neither had the opportunity or self-belief of taking the next step. New players will be guaranteed a warm welcome to our cricket club so take the next important step towards playing cricket, please contact either **Pauline or Kevin Jobbins** on **01270483494**, for more details on what our cricket club can offer you.

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Just for Fun. Six of the Best

1. In which country is Eden Gardens - it's the second largest cricket ground in the world?
2. Which first-class county club did Phill Tuffnel play for from 1986 to 2002?
3. The SWALEC Stadium at Sophia Gardens is in which city?
4. In January 2006 Andrew Flintoff was presented with the Freedom of which English city?
5. Which English county did Kevin Pietersen play for between 2005 and 2010?
6. Which country's national team are nicknamed *The Tigers?*

Answers on page 21.

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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.

Wistaston Conservation Group

It looks as though Spring is on the way at last, and our group has started to do what we usually do at this time which is the final tidying up before the Summer.

A Snag at the Spinney. A complication this year, however, is in the Spinney area recently opened up by the provision of a new pathway linking two well-established paths. We discovered recently after a prolonged period of heavy rainfall, that the drainage system installed when the two football pitches on the land above were laid out almost twenty years ago has failed. This is most likely due to sediment filtering into the terracotta pipes due to ground movement, and the ingress of tree roots. A difficult problem to deal with as ideally the pipes should be dug out and re-laid.

The football pitches themselves are not affected, but the Spinney area where the water emerges is. The rainwater, not being channeled by the pipes, runs down the steep banks towards the stream in the valley below taking the soil and our newly constructed path with it.
To solve this problem in the most cost-effective way we have installed a section of wide-bore drainpipe under the path at the worst affected point and have cut surface channels to guide the water towards this new pipe and then into the stream. We hope this will permanently solve the problem and we will use the same method in the future if, where, and when required.



Smarter than the average bear-sculptures.

That kind and very talented lady Sandie Wilson, who provided the owl sculpture some months ago has also given us two further sculptures. These are of Brown Bears, both carved from oak.

One has been mounted on a fallen log near to the Spinney and the other has been placed under a tree close to the Children's Playground.

Both sculptures have been much admired by passers-by with many very positive comments. We would like to thank Sandie for her latest and very generous gift to our community.





Jays, nature's gardeners.

Spotting or hearing the mewing sound of a Jay in Wistaston is a delight. Jays have been observed by experts to not only bury acorns for food storage but to allow some acorns to germinate. These same Jays have been seen returning to the oak saplings in the Spring and pulling up the young oaks in order to pluck the first couple of fleshy cotyledon leaves to feed to their chicks. These wild saplings, usually a long way from the parent trees, seem to withstand this rough treatment from the Jays.

Cotyledon leaves are the very tender first leaves to appear from a germinating seed.



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.

On Morning Walks...

As a member of Crewe Movie Makers I tend to take my mobile phone with me when I go out... one never knows when one may come into contact with a scene which is worth recording and maybe worth showing to others!

I am not a particularly active individual but I mostly take an early morning stroll making my way along the beautifully well-kept park-land beyond "Joey The Swan". I meet the regular dog walkers exchanging our "Good Mornings" en route as they take their beloved companions always on the look-out for treats on their walk, dip in the river or in general their mandatory doggie exercise, chasing balls, quoits and frizzbies. I often think "I wish I had their companions energy" as I plod along!

Moving from the tarmacadam path I trekked off to the right along the shale path under the blossoming trees, following the river.
Given that it is early morning and the old eyes are somewhat still blurry, I observed what I thought was a small bird sitting on the path making no attempt at movement even as I approached. As I became closer I was certain that it was not a bird at all. I popped my hand into my pocket and brought out my mobile phone and set it to "camera" position. Still no movement from the creature at this stage as I continued to approach. What could it be, I wondered?

Suddenly there was a slight movement taking place. The black body was being propelled along the ground by tiny pink "shovel-like" feet. For the first time in my life I observed a "live" MOLE. I was lucky enough to achieve a video, short though it was, sufficient to show to the grandchildren.



I was so pleased to have seen the little chap (Boar), although, as my wife pointed out "it could have been a little girl"(Sow). Such excitement!

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1.50pm Crowning of St. Mary's Rose Queen – Emily Edge
officiated by Rev Mike Turnbull

2.00pm Opening of the Fete by Wistonian of the Year –
Andrea Cross

Judging of the Best Dressed Stall

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report from willaston WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In March, meeting members, who are not currently on the Committee, took over the running of the meeting. Maureen Potts became President, Marjorie Monks Secretary and Pat Hancock directed members in producing collage pictures on a choice of theme. Working in groups and provided with a sumptuous range of materials, several really good pieces of art were produced. These were later voted on by all and a prize awarded for the most popular. Working together in groups made for a very sociable evening which was much enjoyed.

In April our retired President Marion Proudlove gave a talk on her life working for a country auctioneer and her 56 year membership of the WI. Lots of amusing anecdotes made for a lively talk. Her WI membership led her into organising large catering events and craft demonstrations. The latter took her far and wide as her skills were in great demand and she appeared on television demonstrating Christmas wrapping. A very enjoyable evening appreciated by everyone.

In May we are looking forward to hearing Brian Cullen. His talk entitled 'When Pirates Ruled the Waves' concerns his time working for Radio Caroline. There will be a Plant Sale at that meeting.

On the 2nd June members are invited to a garden party at the home of Sylvia Cornock to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Meetings are held at The Acacia Suite (The Masonic Hall) Willaston CW5 7ER on the second Wednesday of each month to arrive at 7pm for 7.30pm. Visitors/new members are very welcome to attend any meeting on a 'try before you buy' basis and can be sure of a warm welcome. Please telephone Brenda Taylor on 01270 623191 for further information or simply turn up.

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Answers to Cricket Quiz on page 13

1. India; 2. Middlesex; 3. Cardiff; 4. Preston; 5. Hampshire;
6. Bangladesh.

Nature Article

A striking example of global warming ('though not in Wistaston) was a pre-Christmas coltsfoot on the towpath of the Caldon Canal, Froghall, well ahead of its blooming period of February-April, and often regarded as our personal first flower of the New Year.

A delight in our garden during January's cold snap was a reed bunting, a 'collar and tie' bird – male with white neck and black bib. As name implies, the bird likes to be near water. Striated plumage marks both sexes, and even female stands out with the white linings to her cheeks.



A female sparrowhawk is an occasional visitor to the garden of Rosemarie Benson, and photos. taken in March and December last year show this magnificent raptor, once caught devouring a common garden bird.



The Booths of Freshfields have made us jealous with photos. of a male blackcap. Blackcaps have been over wintering and seen regularly there for the last ten years. More jealous are we of the photo. of a brambling. Early March and a siskin at the Booths' feeders: this species regular for them this month, the bird's transition period. The Booths' next anticipated guest was redpoll.

A beautifully pied blackbird showed up in Doreen Lovatt's garden in Salander Crescent in February while our only highlight is one speckled jackdaw!

Neighbours may not share our vision of a rookery in Sandylands Park, but their fears would be unfounded as rooks remain loyal to their established colony, repairing same nests each year. One of our rooks is clever enough to learn to unhook fat-block from branch by constant tugs to lift fixing loop. We know nothing of the courtship rituals of rooks, but two adults have been seen touching bills non-aggressively on more than one occasion.

Mid March and a song thrush back in Sandylands; late March a brimstone butterfly. Now we all await the first swallows to prove summer has at last arrived.

Our thanks to all contributors.
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Crewe and area has a rich and varied history involving very many interesting people. Francis Webb: 1836 – 1906 is one such interesting character that we should know more about.

You will all know something about this man even if it's only his name! He was born in Tixall near Stafford but came to work in Crewe Works as an articled pupil of Francis Trevithick, joining the drawing office in 1856 and becoming Chief Draughtsman in 1859. He was appointed Works Manager and was responsible for installing Bessemer converters and the start of steel production at Crewe! He was appointed Locomotive Superintendent in 1871 and when this position was renamed Chief Mechanical Engineer Webb took up this positon which he retained until he became seriously ill in 1903 and retired to Bournemouth where he died in 1906.

Webb was responsible for some successful standard locomotive classes all built at Crewe in considerable numbers. However there is still some controversy over his later systems which were applied to a number of locomotive designs.

Webb was also responsible for the remodelling of Crewe station which involved the building of four tracks in underpasses on the west side of the station to carry freight trains.

He was a serious philanthropist and is probably best remembered for being a major benefactor of the Webb Orphanage, still there but what is it used for now? It is a red-brick building which once had extensive playing fields behind the railways works and fronting on Victoria Avenue. Together with Richard Moon, everyone must have heard of him, Chairman of the LNWR, he presented to the Crewe Corporation on behalf of the railway company, Queen's Park with its attractive entrance gates and lodges with inscribed decoration mentioning both Moon and Webb, and also fronting on Victoria Avenue. A later Crewe residential street was also named after Webb – Frank Webb Avenue! He has left quite a legacy behind him for and in Crewe but we don't really know much about him.



The First Wistaston Flower Show

The Flower and Produce Show will run again in August as it has since 1983 except for Lockdown. Looking into our archives it was at the end of 1982 that Harold Boyd one of the Parish Council's representatives on the Community Council suggesed that Wistaston should hold its own horticultural show. Always ready to respond to ideas that would bring the community together the Community Council agreed to go ahead.

At the Parish Council meeting representatives of the Community Council put the idea forward and were met with tremendous enthusiasm by the Parish Council who offered financial assistance and a trophy. County Councillor Alan Richardson offered to provide a trophy as did the Community Council. A 'show committee' was formed from the Parish Council, the Community Council, Wistaston Flower Club and two interested residents.

It was planned that the show would start in quite a small way with a vegetable section, flower section, floral art section and a children's section. It was to be called the Wistaston Parish Flower and Vegetable Show and the first Show was to be held in the Church Hall on the 27 August 1983. Forty years on it is still running! Come and support it on Saturday the 22 August 2022

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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:
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Wistaston Drama Academy in action in the Memorial Hall



The Laurie Twiss Award

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, Wistaston or eileen@bamberuk.com

Wistaston Flower Club

The Memorial Hall
First Wednesday of each month (excluding January)
at 2.30pm

Wistaston Flower Club supported the National Flower Arranging Day with an exhibit placed in Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre. We hope that this brought some pleasure to those who were able to view it - see below.
In May we celebrated our Diamond Anniversary, with a stunning demonstration from Mark Entwistle (from Sandbach) and Jacqui Owen (from Nantwich). A full report will follow in the next edition of Roundabout.

In July we welcome Sharon Dower from Swansea with her title "What Not". Sharon is an experienced floral artist, teacher and entertaining demonstrator. As a large group of flower lovers we are keen to share our enthusiasm for our hobby and skills. In addition to the demonstrations we offer seasonal flower arranging sessions for all ages and abilities, in an informal setting.

Together with Nantwich Flower Club we support the Floral Art section of Nantwich Show which is returning this year on 27th July at Reaseheath. For details of the Floral Art competition please contact Judy Gratton (07506022709 or judy.gratton@live.co.uk) or visit The Nantwich Show website. For more information about our activities please contact Caryn Murray (07530682196 or carynmurray24@gmail.com) or Judy Gratton (07506022709 or judy.gratton@live.co.uk).



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RAF Visit

One of the most exciting days of our Spring term here at The Berkeley Academy and possibly even the year so far, was back in March. This was when RAF Shawbury came to visit and arrived at school via helicopter! It was a truly memorable day for both the children and staff and one that we are sure will be talked about for years to come.



The shrieks of excitement from the children as the helicopter came into land and took off were fantastic to hear. For many children this was their first opportunity to see a helicopter in such close proximity and to then be able to ask the team questions about both the aircraft and the different roles within the RAF, certainly gave even more meaning to their learning about the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects.



Children were able to see the value of the different STEM subjects and how integral they are to different roles within job sectors like the RAF which they may not have considered before. Some children also had the opportunity to work with the RAF team members to make model helicopters that actually flew with the help of elastic bands and propellors. We are extremely grateful to Wing Commander Phil Spencer (a Wistaston local) and his team for their organisation, enthusiasm, and contribution towards making the day such a huge success. It was certainly a talking point for many weeks afterwards and we know that a lot of local residents also enjoyed coming out to watch it come into land.

WISTASTON IN BLOOM

By the time you receive this issue of Roundabout the Bloom Group and its contractor, Crewe Road Nursery, will be planting up the village flower beds, display boxes and half–barrels.

Planned changes this year include the Jacksons Corner flower bed which will be planted to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee, 1952 to 2022 and the Laurel Drive bed will be planted with shrubs. A move being promoted by Britain-in-Bloom and the Royal Horticultural Society.
We have entered the Britain in Bloom (North West) Competition again this year. Judging is usually mid to late July so it is in the interest of all residents to have our gardens, hedges and verges looking at their very best in time for the judging and together with the work of the Conservation Group and the Park Ranger, Peter Baskerville. Hopefully we will receive another 'Gold' Award to add to our 'Gold' Awards in 2018, 2019 and 2021.

Funding this year received from Wistaston Parish Council; Wistaston Community Council and Graham Chester & Son, Crewe and Nantwich Funeral Services.

WISTASTON JUBILEE TENNIS CLUB

The Club is situated behind the Memorial Hall in Church Lane with two floodlit hard courts.
The club is well used with playing sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and club sessions on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoon.
The club has entered two teams into the South and Mid-Cheshire Tennis League playing matches on Tuesday and Thursday evenings through May, June, July and August.
Junior Coaching is available during the early evening; contact our Coach, George Raiswell on 07752 789492.
Club membership fees until 31/03/2023 are as follows:
£80 adult – aged 18 and over.
£55 student – aged 18 and over and in full time education.
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£30 off-peak – Monday to Friday, 2pm to 6pm (Adult/Student/Junior)
For further information contact: Bill Heath, Chairman and
Membership Secretary 01270 560471.

Wistaston's Annual Flower and Produce Show Saturday 22 August 2022
Schedule of Classes

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 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.
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: The Queen's Platinum*
A2.) Jubilee.

Section H - Housecraft Classes - please cover entries with transparent covering.

H1. A jar of Home Made Strawberry Jam;
H2. A jar of Home **Made Jam - not Strawberry**
H3. A jar of Home Made Chutney.
The above three items to have cellophane covers only.
H4. Three pieces of Shortbread
H5 Five Square Flapjacks
H6 Five Jam Tarts
H7 A Plate of Five Chocolate Butterfly Cakes
H8 A Lemon Drizzle Cake baked in a loaf tin.
H9. A Cheesecake, approx.20cm in diameter presented on a plate.
H10.A Victoria Sponge Cake - read Rule 19 carefully.
H11 Five Cheese Scones
H12 A Quiche , approx. 20cm in diameter, presented on a plate.
H13.An Apple Pie approx.20cm in diamter, short crust pastry top and bottom, presented on a plate.
H14. Five Decorated Cup Cakes.

Section W. Beverages.

W1 A Bottle of Home Made Fruit/Vegetable/Flower Wine . 75 ml bottle, not from a kit.

Section Y - Hobby Crafts - Please read Rule 18

Y1. A Knitted Toy
Y2. A Crochet Toy.
Y3. A Painting - own original work, A4 max size, unframed..
Y4. A Decorated Plant Pot.10-15cm diameter pot
Y5 Any craft not on schedule. Specify on entry form. 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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Please read the schedule and the rules very carefully to make sure your entries are in the correct class, are trimmed as directed, are the correct size and contain the correct amount of ingredients.

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