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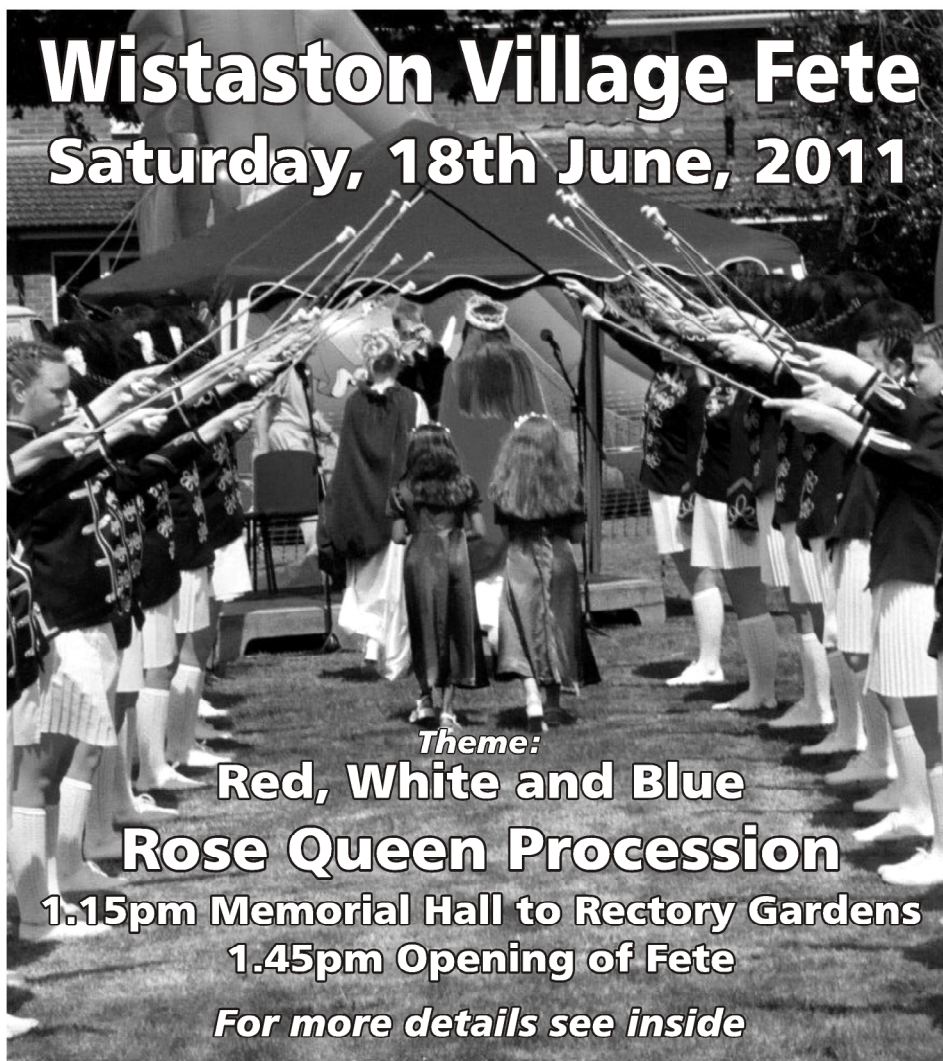
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Wistaston Village Fete Saturday, 18th June, 2011



Theme:

Red, White and Blue

Rose Queen Procession

1.15pm Memorial Hall to Rectory Gardens

1.45pm Opening of Fete

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Editorial

With very many thanks to everyone for the continued splendid support you give to Roundabout for without your contributions and advertisements it could not exist! **The Wistaston Community Council** are also very appreciative of the support that you give to the events organised over the year.

Please send in your articles, photographs etc for our Autumn edition – due out in early September – by 15 July 2011 .

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Dates for your Diary for 2011

Saturday 18 June	Village Fete
Saturday 20 August	Flower and Produce Show
Saturday 3 Sept.	Duck Race
Tuesday 25 October	Annual Memorial Hall Quiz
Saturday 5 Nov.	Fireworks
Sunday 13 Nov.	Annual Remembrance Service
Friday 9 Dec.	Christmas Concert

The Memorial Hall will be presenting their Concert in the Autumn but more details later.

Early advice of the Community Council's 2012 Spring Concert when they will be presenting once again the wonderfully versatile and talented Kipling Singers. Watch this space for more details.

Please note that schedules and entry forms for the 2011 Flower & Produce Show will be available at Londis in Kings Drive from early June.

Rebekah Turnbull, retiring Rose Queen

Rebekah Turnbull, our retiring Rose Queen, has had a busy and eventful year, fund raising for her chosen charity, opening events such as the Diabetic Garden Party and on Saturday 18 June she will be at the Village Fete handing over to her successor in the Rectory Garden.



Wistaston Village Fete

Saturday 18 June 2011

Theme: Red, White and Blue
Rose Queen Procession from the Memorial Hall to the Rectory Gardens - 1.15pm
Opening of Fete - 1.45pm

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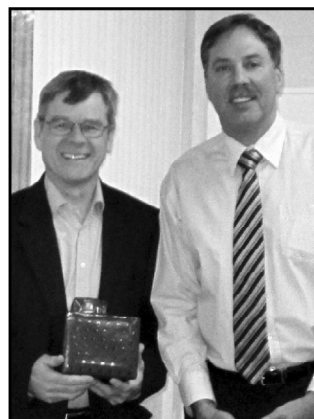
At the Wistaston Community Council meeting in March we presented Ian Gould, our retiring Chairman with a memento of Wistaston – a delightful crystal swan. Whilst Ian will remain on the Community Council, because of work commitments away from Wistaston he has stepped down from the Chairmanship. Our photograph shows our new Chairman, Dane Chaplow presenting Ian with his gift and Dane introduces himself here.

'I am delighted to be your new Chairman. I first became involved with the Community Council thirty years ago when it was known as the Jubilee Committee. Having moved away from Wistaston, I re-joined

after my return

One of my early aims is to increase our membership of younger people – without them the Community Council may not last another 30 years and our events may disappear. Please help me to ensure this important part of our village life prospers.

Our wonderful new website www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk is growing in content and I want to encourage this facility to develop as the one stop shop for all information connected with a social life in Wistaston – do view it and let me have your comments on what we do, how we do it and what we should be doing. I am looking forward to hearing from you on any



related topic. Don't forget the Summer Fete on the 18 June!



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Each group has welcomed new members to the club and coaching will take place as the season progresses. We also enjoy meeting together on social

occasions and each year we change ball games and enjoy a 'Skittles' evening.

Another group have raised large sums of money for charity on sponsored tennis and walks. The courts are open every day of the year with the exception of Remembrance Sunday in November.

Further details can be obtained by phoning Mr Bill Heath, Membership Secretary and Treasurer on 01270 560471.

Alice Chafwin

WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. ELECTIONS 2011

The Parish Elections on 5th May 2011, resulted in 12 Councillors elected unopposed. Three vacancies remain, one in St. Mary's Ward and two in Wistaston Green Ward. If any resident is interested in representing these wards they should first contact our Clerk in writing giving personal profile details. Information will be treated in confidence.

2. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND – VEHICLE PARKING

Currently limited parking is only available on our small Beech Drive parking area. We have recently received permission from the management of the Woodside Public House to allow short term parking on their general car park. Residents may find this safer than roadway parking and more convenient. Thanks are recorded to the Woodside Managers Mr. & Mrs. Marchant.

3. SPEED WATCH

We would appeal again for additional volunteers to join in our speed watch groups. Teams operate in groups of two with support by the Police Community Support Officers. Appropriate training will be given

St Mary's Wistaston

Spring is here! What a transformation around us. The grass is growing, the leaves are on the trees and the flowers are beginning to bloom. The natural world looks so beautiful. What a difference to a few months ago when everything appeared dead and lifeless. Transformation.

Transformation is a word that I have used a lot lately as I have thought about Easter, transformation of lives, of life and of the world. Through the death and resurrection of one man comes life for all, but not just any old life, but life lived in the transformation of Easter.

As we think of those who met with the risen Jesus we see lives transformed from scared and troubled people to brave and energised people who wish to tell others about the risen Jesus. Mary who trudged to the tomb that Easter morning to do what was required for the burial of Jesus encounters him and runs back to tell the others that Jesus is alive! Lives transformed.

Of course things didn't stop there, the risen Jesus then transformed things again as he ascended into heaven and gave to his church the gift of the Holy Spirit so that it may too transform other peoples' lives. Which brings us to the present, to you and to me, to our lives, to our faith, to our transformation? Have a great summer...

Kind regards,

Revd Mike Turnbull

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together with highly visible clothing. Times and frequency would be determined by the team with no fixed arrangement required. Interested volunteers should first contact our Clerk.

4. BEECH DRIVE – PARKING

Following a long period of antisocial behaviour mainly in late evenings, resident requests have resulted in the Council approving the installation of a lockable barrier which is now in place. The initial proposal is for a 3 month period to close the parking area from 6.30 p.m. to 7.00 a.m. each day, commencing week ending 14th May 2011. After this trial period the arrangement will be reviewed. Pedestrian and disabled access is available at all times.

Cllr. J. Moore

Chairman

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Nature Roundabout

Only by a whisker did Dave O'Hara miss the last article with his report of a little egret in the vicinity of the two streams at the Joey the Swan recreation ground on 11 January. Dave saw the bird land, move towards the sewer overflow, then fly back upstream. It fed on the stream till an influx of people disturbed it, at which point it flew into an adjoining field to feed till just short of noon. The whole visit lasted four hours. An earlier article records an egret along the stream beyond the Millennium Bridge, and we recall Dave saying he guessed it would only be a matter of time before one turned up here.

On 20 January an email from Allan Scholes (Broughton Lane) mentioned a buzzard as a frequent percher in a tree at the bottom of either his garden or one over the brook. Jackdaws have harassed the bird and it has not been seen since New Year. However, Allan still enjoys the company of a variety of tits and goldfinches on his many feeders, and twice-weekly visits from a male sparrowhawk. A kingfisher flies along the brook, seen also by neighbours, and a large fox is often present by day, sniffing and wandering about in nonchalant mood. Allan does not mention holes in his lawn: maybe he's been fortunate.

As to the more uncommon visitors, Derek Owen (Wistaston Green Road) had a female blackcap in his garden (22 Feb), with a brief sighting the previous week; the female, of course, sporting the 'brown' cap.

Three redpolls joined goldfinches at our niger stations in early February and have arrived spasmodically ever since. It is quite special to see these tiny finches with their subdued flush of rosiness.

Two dates in March brought in the treat of a brambling. It can be a challenge to find these in an assorted finch flock as they are not dissimilar to chaffinches. The orangey breast and mottled head and back, especially in the male, plus a white rump revealed in flight, are give-aways. These attractive birds overwinter here from their breeding grounds in Siberia and Scandinavia, mixing with other finches, to feed principally on seed or grain.

On 13 March Mrs. Buchanan (Clare Drive) had a waxwing in her garden for twenty minutes and Christine Howarth (Broughton Lane) had one on 26th. Either through population explosions, or shortage of favoured berries, there are winters which see mass eruptions of these invaders from their breeding grounds of northern Europe, and this year has been a pretty good 'waxwing winter' as it is known. These erratic incursions were recorded even in 1679-80, the bird distinctive with its crest and multi-coloured posterior.

Michael and Helen Pierce (Sandylands Park) have kept a log of their frog spawning times over the past fifteen years, the dates falling between late February and mid March. These trends fit in well with the national pattern for 2011 where maximum activity occurs between mid February and late March, peaking in late February. For the Pierces this year was an exception in that there was a gap of sixteen days between spawning dates, whereas the mating has previously been over in three or four days running. The hen pheasant which flew over the Pierce house in

early March would be too late to catch the cock bird we saw in November!

John Wood (Sandringham Drive) struggled to identify the bird which arrived on his fence at 6 a.m., 22 March, and discussions with friends proved it to be a red-legged partridge. A 'first' for Wistaston?

Spring weather is introducing butterflies in the form of small tortoiseshell, peacock and brimstone. Our first ever pair of bullfinches attacked our feeders, 29 March; the scissor-sharpening song of chiffchaff flowing from the hedgerow, 4 April. Roll on summer.

Our thanks to all contributors.

Trevor and Hilary Clowes

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CREWE AND NANTWICH RAMBLING CLUB

Wistaston residents can be picked up by coach at Wells Green to join members of Crewe and Nantwich Rambling Club on their rambles. Rambles take place fortnightly on Sundays throughout the year and there are usually three walks each outing catering for varying levels of fitness and ability.

The ramble programme for July to December 2011 will include walks in Wales, Derbyshire and Shropshire and further afield to Kirkby Lonsdale. During the summer months there are also fortnightly rambles on Thursday evenings, starting and finishing at local pubs. New members are very welcome.

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Wistaston Conservation Group

The past few weeks have been great for the Group, wonderful weather, and we have recruited several new members, enabling us to achieve several projects which would not have been possible in the past without employing costly outside assistance.

I would like to thank all our members, both old and new, for all your efforts to make Wistaston the wonderful place it is.

Oak Avenue

We have recently planted several oak trees on the recreation ground, protected by wooden fencing. The "Oak Avenue" has been there for several generations, but the Oak trees are coming to the end of their natural lifespan. The new saplings will help to rejuvenate the line of trees for future generations.

Filter Bed Seat

Despite it's sighting overlooking perhaps the best view in Wistaston, due to a serious litter problem, it was decided to relocate the bench at the top of the filter beds to a position lower down, nearer to the path. This move has now been completed by our members, and we hope that the new location meets with the approval of walkers young and old.

Field Lane Steps

Some years ago the Group, with the assistance of volunteers from the BTCV, improved a very muddy sloping path by cutting steps from Field Lane to the recreation path. Over the years vegetation and wear have somewhat taken over, and the steps were in a poor condition. Our members have now re-cut the steps and cut back the overhanging vegetation, so that walkers can once again use the steps safely.

Whilst carrying out this clearance, the steps from the recreation path into Hinging Bank Covert were also re-cut, and a gully dug alongside, to try to drain the area above, which has been very wet in winter.

Water Voles

There have been several sightings of Water Vole along our streams, so we arranged a training session, led by Andrea Powell of Cheshire Wildlife Trust, so that our members can carry out surveys of our area to establish whether we have a resident population of Water Vole in Wistaston.

Any sightings would be appreciated, either to me on 661066, or direct to Cheshire Wildlife Trust, on 01 948 820728.

Litter

During March our members carried out a litter pick along the paths from the Rising Sun to Wistaston Green Road, and then on to Joey the Swan. In 2 hours we picked up so much litter that it filled the boot of my car.

It was evident that the area under the watchful eye of David O'Hara, the P.C. Warden, had a lot less litter than the rest of the path areas; well done David, keep it up.



Almost all the litter is packaging of some sort, cigarette packets, drinks bottles and cans, plastic bags, etc.

To those who drop the litter, you were happy to carry the full pack with you, so why not put the empty pack back in your pocket or bag, and deposit it in a litter bin, either out there or back at home, PLEASE.

Litter spoils our wonderful surroundings, and can jeopardize wildlife.

Future projects

As we now have more active members, we have an on-going programme of projects, but more of these in the next issue.

Despite our increased membership, we would still welcome anyone who loves our natural surroundings, and could give just a bit of their time to improving it even more. You don't need to wield a spade, your knowledge of all things to do with wildlife would be an invaluable asset to the Group.

As stated in the last issue, we are still looking for a Secretary for the Group, so if you love our surroundings and can write a good letter, we would love to hear from you.

John M Wood

Chairman,
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Baffled Businessmen & Worried Workers

All of our previous articles have discussed matters relating to estate planning and I thought we might have a change of subject this time and have a general look at a solicitor's role in employment matters. I am indebted to Lesley Smith, a partner at the firm and specialist in employment cases, for her time.

Lesley, do employment related matters take up a lot of your time?

Whilst I do practise in other areas, employment issues do occupy a significant proportion of my week.

Do you represent employers or employees?

Both, but obviously not in the same case.

So you don't have a preference or specialism then?

No, and there is no need. Employment law encompasses the rights and responsibilities of both employer and employee, and covers everything from the initial recruitment process through to termination of employment, for whatever reason. We become involved when either side feel they have a problem where the other is not acting in a reasonable manner in line with relevant guidance and legislation.

So what can you do for an employer?

The rules can often be more onerous for smaller employers, who will probably have enough on their plate in keeping their business running and their accounts up to date, without having to become familiar with the fine detail of employment law. It can even be difficult for larger employers as the rules are constantly changing! In many cases, contracts of employment are not drafted correctly or issued to the employee at the required time or at all. That can cause untold problems later on. Similarly, if disciplinary or redundancy action is required then there are certain procedures which must be followed by employers, and many can find themselves caught out.

I would imagine that there could be a lot of people out there who have a business that is increasingly successful, taking up more and more of their time, but they are unwilling to employ help because of all the paperwork and possible complications.

I am sure there are. We work with a number of employers of various sizes on what could be called a "call us when needed" basis. We may not hear from them for a year or more and then we are asked to draw up a new contract of employment or advise on a particular issue with an employee.

Put another way, you provide a sort of ad-hoc Human Resource Department service, or, as I have always called them, Personnel.

That is certainly the case in terms of employment law,

procedures and advice on employers' rights and obligations. Of course, we can also act in relation to leases of commercial premises, debt recovery, licensing agreements, and commercial contracts and offer a range of other services to support businesses.

What about the employee who feels that they have been mistreated, then? I suppose the possible problems are too varied to be specific?

Yes, I have advised employees about wide-ranging queries and concerns, including bullying in the workplace and unlawful deductions from salary. Cases often relate to either the application of the terms of employment, or the relevant guidance and legislation not being adhered to on termination of employment, whether that is by dismissal, redundancy or constructive dismissal. (Constructive dismissal is where an employee resigns because of the unfair way in which the employer has treated him or her and, if the situation has been bad enough for the employee, the resignation is treated as a dismissal entitling the employee to bring a claim).

I suppose all of this is where Employment Tribunal becomes relevant?

That may be the case for some disputes, but it is by no means inevitable. Often, we can work with the other party, investigate the facts, conduct negotiations on our Client's behalf and reach a suitable agreement to settle the claim to avoid having to pursue a Tribunal complaint. When acting for an employee I often advise that a formal grievance is raised in the first instance. An employer should then deal with that grievance by following a set procedure, including holding a meeting with the employee to try to resolve the problem.

So what advice would you give to anyone who is experiencing problems at work?

The first thing to do is familiarise yourself with your rights and responsibilities. These are readily available from the Government's own website, www.direct.gov.uk. A helpful site for employers is www.Businesslink.gov.uk. In terms of dismissals and grievances, there are set procedures which both employers and employees ought to follow to ensure that they are not penalised should the dispute reach the Tribunal.

An important piece of general advice, whether you are an employee or an employer, is to keep accurate records. These could include letters, emails, minutes of meetings, conversations or events, together with the names of anyone else who was present.

And then?

If you feel that you have a problem for which you need legal support, then you need to see someone sooner rather than later. There are strict deadlines for bringing complaints to the Employment Tribunal but, regardless of that, a workplace dispute can often be resolved much more amicably if it is handled properly and promptly.

Is it expensive to seek legal support?

It is important to stress the need to take advice early, whether about preparing key documents, such as contracts of employment, or how to deal with a problem that has arisen. Too often we are instructed by a client whose problem has been caused, or worsened, by not taking proper advice in the first place. Sadly this is frequently because of a wish not to incur legal fees, yet that omission then causes significantly higher fees to be incurred when something goes wrong.

We offer a free 30 minute consultation which allows the potential client to present their problem and the solicitor to assess the situation and advise on possible action, together with the potential benefits and costs of that action. I, and my colleague, Carina Pennant-Williams, are very happy to see people on this basis.

We will be back in the next "Roundabout" looking at another legal issue.

Finally I must as usual point out that this article is not intended to be comprehensive or to provide specific legal advice. It should not be relied upon in the absence of specific advice given in relation to particular circumstances.

Graeme Barber

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South Cheshire 'George Formby' Ukulele Society's Monthly Show

A crying baby resulted in the formation of the South Cheshire 'George Formby' Ukulele Society. It was late in November 1994 when four ukulele enthusiasts last met to practise in a Wistaston house. It would have been unfair to the couple who lived next door for us to carry on, so we booked the Wistaston Memorial Hall; a warm, welcoming and friendly place.

It was decided that we should put on a monthly variety concert. It was to be a unique organisation that had no registered members, no fees to pay apart from a small amount just enough to cover the cost of the room and refreshments. The amount decided upon was just fifty pence per performance and that figure has not changed over the last sixteen years. It certainly will not be changing as a result of the present economic crisis. Our main wish was to create a friendly organisation where people could meet new friends and have a fun night. This was soon achieved. We have no prima donnas, all artistes are treated the same whether novices or established performers. It has been said that we are the 'best fifty pence worth of entertainment in the world!' That appears to be a very wild statement but no-one has yet offered any suggestions to prove otherwise.

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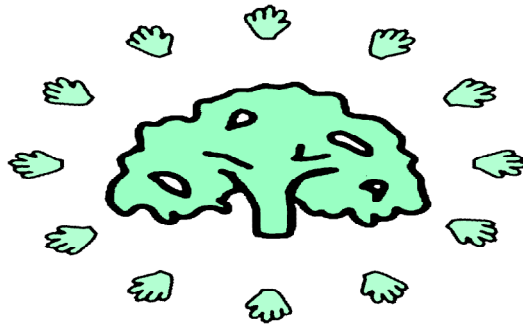
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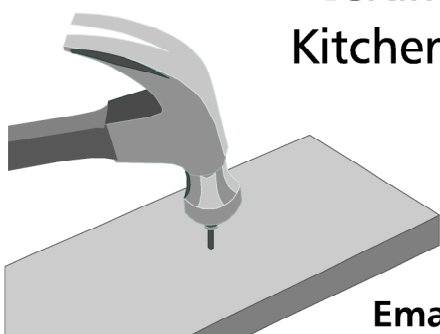
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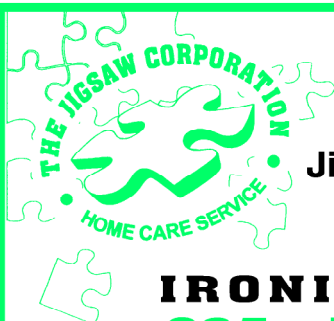


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When Brigadier-General Edward Walthall DSO decided to return to the family estate in Alton, Derbyshire, the Wistaston estate was divided into 42 lots and they were sold by public auction at the Royal Hotel, Crewe on Wednesday 28th May 1919 starting at 2:30pm. The auctioneers were Henry Manley & Sons Ltd, of Crewe, the estate agent was John Loring of Doddington, Nantwich and the solicitors were Messrs Rawle, Johnstone & Co of 1 Bedford Row, London.

In the catalogue of the sale, the printers Wilmot Eardley Ltd of Crewe, made some general observations about Wistaston Estate:

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS. 1919

The Wistaston Estate immediately adjoins the Borough of Crewe, while it is also in close contiguity to the old established market town of Nantwich.

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The agricultural land, from a standpoint of fertility and productiveness, equals any situate in South or West Cheshire.

The Estate generally, outside its existing agricultural commercial, and residential values contains a quantity of the best building sites in the County which are ripe for development.

The valuable growing timber will be included in the purchase price of the respective Lots.

Lot 33 was Wistaston Hall adjoining Broughton Lane and Church Lane, described as a delightful ivy-clad country residence with extensive pleasure grounds, gardens and stabling and a pair of new model cottages. The total area was 14 acres 1 rood and 9 perches. The property occupies an elevated position and commands extensive views over one of the most picturesque portions of Cheshire, being partially surrounded by a belt of magnificent trees and affords a peaceful seclusion. The hall is an excellently designed and substantially built brick and stone edifice with tile roofs, commodious and conveniently arranged and is approached by a short well-formed gravel drive from the highway (Broughton Lane). Bidding reached £2,100, but it was withdrawn from sale. It was afterwards sold to Mr Foden for £2,500. The total area of 14.305 acres had a tithe apportionment of £2:0s:8d.

Areas of land in 1919 were based on acres, roods, perches, square yards etc. Can you complete the following details?

_____ sq. yds = 1 rod, pole or perch
_____ perches = 1 rood
_____ roods = 1 acre
_____ acres = 1 square mile.

Part Two of this account will outline the sale of ten farms which had been rented from the Walthall estate up to 1919. Most of these farmsteads were purchased at the sale/auction by the tenants who had rented them.

Who was Wistaston's incomer who thought that Wistaston had little known history?

"History is all around you, just open your eyes and look for it". JC White, 2010.

If readers feel that a local historical group/society could be formed in Wistaston, please let me know. Interested?
John White – Tel: 01270 661484

P Justin McCarthy submitted the article below as a followup to the centre spread in the Winter Roundabout

WALKING FOOTPATHS

The footpath map in Roundabout 120 is but a small portion of the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way. These maps cover virtually the whole country. Like Cheshire East many Highway Authorities publish them on their websites.

Rights of Way, mainly footpaths and Bridleways, are most usefully shown on Ordnance Survey maps, "Explorer" at 1:25000, less usefully "Landranger" at 1:50000 scales. These are available at good booksellers and 'outdoor' shops.

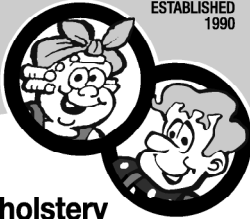
For anyone wishing to explore but perhaps a little reluctant to set off alone there are many groups, more or less organised, who arrange walking programmes, some assist the councils with path maintenance.

The major organisations in the field are The Ramblers (www.ramblers.org.uk) the national body promoting walking and access, The Mid Cheshire Footpath Society (www.mcfs.org.uk) and The Peak & Northern Footpaths Society (www.peakandnorthern.org.uk). The first two have extensive walking programmes, all three undertake physical and administrative work to protect and improve the path network.

In addition there are a considerable number of local groups concerned with organising walks of a variety of difficulty, or none!

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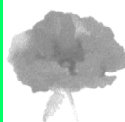
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On Easter Monday (23rd April) our **Sunday Social XI** play hosts to **Paddington Bears**, then on **May 8th** our **Sunday 1 XI** visit **Northwich.C.C** in their opening match.

On 10th April our **Under 13 Girls** team participated in a cricket tournament at **Marple** and acquitted themselves very well and will begin, what they hope will be another successful season on **Friday 6th May** away to **Middlewich** in the **Cheshire Women's Junior League**. Our junior sides (**Under 9's, 11's 13's 15's and 18's**) commence their respective seasons in the **South Cheshire Junior League** during the **first week of May**.

We will hold our annual **President's Day on Sunday 1st May at the Brittles** and a **Chairman's Day on Sunday 4th September** respectively. With our indoor nets at Brine Leas School now complete, outdoor nets commenced from **5th April at The Brittles** on Tuesday and Thursday evenings

We offer cricket to adults and juniors of all standards and 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**. The cricket club holds Bingo evenings every **third Friday** of each month at the Wistaston pavilion lounge to raise funds and a warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to join us. Currently due to junior cricket being played on Friday evenings, bingo evenings have been suspended until the third week in September. Interested

in joining W.V.C.C? Please contact **Kevin Jobbins: - Tel 663699** in the first instance.

For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins (663699)**.

Home Fixtures:- (April – Sept 2011) (The Brittles) Saturday Matches (1430 Hrs)

1 st XI	2 nd X
23 rd April Vs Wirral	30 th April Vs Hartford
7 th May Vs Old Parkonians	14 th May Vs Ellesmere Port
21 st May Vs Rylands	28 th May Vs Offerton
4 th June Vs Langley	11 th June Vs Langley
25 th June Vs Haslington	18 th June Vs Haslington
16 th July Vs Hartford	2 nd July Vs Knutsford
30 th July Vs Ellesmere Port	9 th July Vs Rostherne
13 th Aug Vs Glazebury	23 rd July Vs Eastham
27 th Aug Vs Frodsham	6 th Aug Vs Frodsham
3 rd Sept Vs Appleton	20 th Aug Vs Glazebury
17 th Sept Vs Stalybridge	10 th Sep Vs Appleton

Sunday Matches (1430 Hrs)

3 rd XI	Wistaston Wombats (Social)
22 nd May Vs Ashley	25 th April Vs Paddington Bears (Easter Monday)
29 th May Vs Alvanley	12 th June Vs Fennsbank
5 th June Vs Neston	26 th June Vs Audlem
19 th June Vs Warrington	24 th July Vs Oldfields
3 rd July Vs Neston	31 st July Vs Rainhill
10 th July Vs Northwich	7 th August Vs (TBA)
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Under 9's, 11', 13's and girls Tuesdays 1830 hrs -2000hrs
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Congratulations to two of our first eleven bowlers, **James Hogben** and **Keith Thornhill** who featured in the **Division 1** bowling averages for 2010. James achieved **runner up position**, while Keith finished a creditable **sixth**.

Name	Club	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Average
M.Garvey	Groves	163.4	37	51	414	8.12
J.Hogben	Wistaston	245.4	73	53	630	11.88
D.Walters	Groves	123.2	35	34	424	12.47
M.Piercy	Groves	150.0	30	34	425	12.50
P.Davies	Haslington	147.4	36	28	354	12.64
K.Thornhill	Wistaston	189.3	36	50	638	12.76

Helen De Falco updates us on the activities of Mr Scruffy!

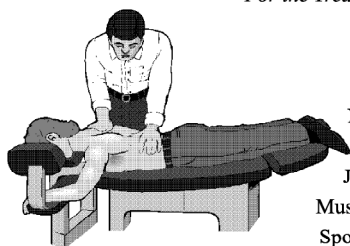
Good News! The lovely Spring weather has heralded the welcome return of Mr Scruffy to 15 Swift Close. After a somewhat hesitant return over a few weeks (including a 'fight' with his replacement)

normal service has been resumed! He is back to his 'fussy' self – eating behind the shed and in the shelter of the wheelie-bin. Another very welcome visit is that of an owl somewhere between Swift Close and Park Drive. However we have not heard a cuckoo here for several years. Has anyone heard the cuckoo recently?

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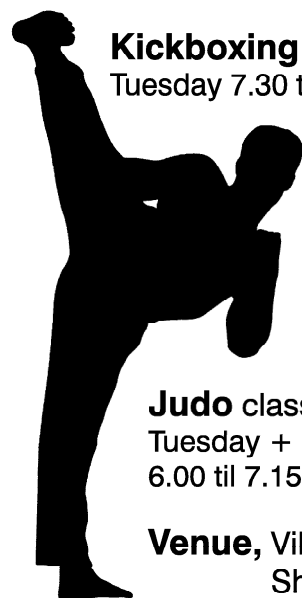
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- Vice President: Glenys White
- Honorary Vice President: Norman Bentley
- Chairman: John White
- Vice Chairman: Brian Edge
- Hon Secretary: Sue Brown
- Hon Treasurer: Maureen Bellis
- Booking Agent: Herbert Locke MBE
- Representatives of the Local Community:

Audrey Astbury, Kathleen Conroy, Delphia Mackeen and Jessie Swan.

• Representatives of organisations who use the hall: Fileen Bamber (Nantwich & District Scottish Society and Wistaston Community Council), Margaret Beresford (University of the Third Age), Robert Dodd (Rope Parish Council), Michael Hassall (Crewe Cine/Video Club), John Hatfield (Wistaston Parish Council), Syd Hope (Memorial Hall Bowling Club), Olive Williams (Wistaston & District Flower Club). These nineteen trustees make up the hall's management committee.

Money raised by the hall's events during 2010:

- 11th September: Duck Race & Children's Model Boat races - £611 for the hall.
- 29th October: Annual Hall Quiz -£155 for the hall.
- 14th November: Remembrance Service - £252 for Royal British Legion.
- 18th November: Variety Concert - £111 for the hall.

Budget plans for 2011 have set aside £6,250 for Emergency & Improvement/Rebuilding funds and £2,500 for the Business Plan, thus costing future needs.

During 2010 donations/grants were gratefully received from the Wistaston Parish Council, the Rope Parish Council, the Crewe Cine & Video Club, the Cheshire Conservatories & Windows Company and a resident Margaret Gaffney.

Planned/costed hall maintenance via the Business Plan, were organised by the Vice Chairman Brian Edge:

Phase One in 2010 completed

- Removed doors of storage shed and replaced with new wall and door.
- New door and guttering to Boiler house.
- New security lights to illuminate car park.

- New ceiling light diffusers in main hall.
- Replaced external light over door to Dudley Room.
- Removed and replaced wooden cupboard used by Wistaston Parish Council in the Dudley Room.

Other improvements during 2010 include

- New water heater in Holmes room.
- Full electrical inspection completed satisfactorily.
- New LEC refrigerator in kitchen.
- New infra-red urinal control valve in Gents' toilet.
- Repairs to floor in Main Hall.
- Tubs and window boxes planted and colourful.
- New VAC vacuum cleaner purchased.
- Side rooms decorated by Herbert Locke and his assistant.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES during 2010

• The hall is used regularly by over forty organisations. The Booking Agent, Mr Locke, displays each weekly programme on two notice boards.

• The 15th Annual Duck Race and Children's Model Boat races were held on 18th September, postponed from 11th September. 700 plastic ducks were released and 60 assorted craft were in the model boat race.

• Twenty teams entered the Annual Quiz in the hall on Friday 29th October. It was won by the '3 plus 1' U3A team.

• The hall was full for the Service of Remembrance on Sunday 14th November. Ann Condliffe travelled from Swindon to hear a tribute paid to her father Leading Seaman T H Kenneth Parsonage, who perished on HMS Firedrake on 17th December 1942, aged 31 years.

• Over sixty people attended the hall's Variety Concert on 18th November, which was led by the Crewe West End Concert band and artistes. The refreshments were well organised and delicious.

It can be seen that the members of the Management Committee of the Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre form an industrious, caring, dedicated and conscientious team, who wish to oversee the maintenance and usage of the Hall, built in memory of sixteen Wistonians who died in World War II.

Planned events for 2011

- Saturday 3rd September Duck Race and Children's Model Boat race.
- Tuesday 25th October Annual Quiz.
- Sunday 13th November Remembrance Service at 3pm.
- Autumn Concert in late September.

If you would like to hire the hall for an event or activity please contact the Booking Agent Herbert Locke MBE (Tel. 01270 665664).

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Who on what occasion? - A response from Audrey Astbury

ROUNDABOUT MYSTERY PHOTOGRAPH
Audrey Astbury solves the mystery and enlightens us with the following information

The occasion on which the photograph was taken was the annual garden party of the Wistaston Afternoon Townswomen's Guild circa 1960.

My mother Margery Brown, a founder member, is pictured on the back row. She enjoyed many happy social and instructive times at the guild in its over sixty years duration in Wistaston.

One of the highlights of the year was the Summer Party held at the homes of members who had large gardens. Best dresses (often home made) and petal hats were the order of the day in that era and each member would take a sample of their best baking for the tea.

The only other ladies that I can identify on the photograph are:

Mrs. Gladys Evanson (Broughton Lane)
 Mrs. Daisy Edwards (Church Lane)
 Mrs Winifred Hodgkinson (Crewe Road)
 Mrs. Gladys Edwards (Sandylands Park)
 Mrs. Hilda Armitage (Westfield Drive)

The following is the original article written by John White with the information he already had

Whilst sorting through some photographs recently, I came across this photograph and would like to know who the ladies were and why they were there. What was the event?

I know that the photograph was taken in the back garden of 12 Westfield Drive, Wistaston and the lady kneeling on the lawn was Mrs Pauline Hardy, the first wife of Mr Fred Hardy BSc (Hons), a significant engineer in the development of the Merlin engine for Spitfires and the Cromwell tank at the Rolls-Royce factory in Crewe. Fred Hardy designed the property at 12 Westfield Drive and several events took place in the large back garden.

The house was built in 1954 and I would think that this photograph was taken there in the mid-1960s.

But who are, or were, these cheerful young ladies?

John White

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Dear Editor

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The next outing in the Village will be the annual Village Fete on 18th June in the Rectory Gardens - we look forward to seeing you there - come and say hello and see if you can find a few cards to 'keep by' for that last minute panic!

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The winner will be able to keep for one year the Laurie Twiss Trophy for Journalism together with his/her additional prize.

It's your choice - real or imaginary, fact or fiction – so do get into writing mode now. Good reporting! Please include the following information about yourself: Name and address; Contact telephone number; Age; School attended; Title of Article/Story.

Entries should be submitted by 31 July 2011 to one of the following:

Barbara Brereton

16 Prior Close, Wistaston, Tel: 569861

Greg Brereton

7 College Fields, Wistaston, Tel: 560194

Eileen Bamber

31 Broughton Lane, Wistaston, Tel: 569126

**Here we print Olivia Pointon's Highly
Commended entry for the
Laurie Twiss Awards**

Stranded!

Daniel opened his eyes to be blinded by the sun's light; he couldn't feel the gentle bobbing of the waves beneath him as he lay on the warm sand. For a moment Daniel couldn't recall the circumstances which had brought him here; it was then he remembered the events of the previous night, how he had fallen off the sailing boat into the cold lonely sea and obviously drifted onto this sandy beach.

Daniel stood up and looked all around; behind him was a whispering jungle with trees reaching high above the clouds so that the tops were not visible to him. The trees were alive with all sorts of creatures like monkeys and birds.

It was just then that Daniel realised how hungry he was. If there were animals in this forest, Daniel thought, there must be food. Daniel looked high and low for food but the only thing he could find was a plethora of angry bees.

It was getting late and the forest was beginning to wake up and come alive with dark shadows and snakes. Daniel ran back to the beach and found a dark cave to rest his four tired legs; he drifted off to sleep dreaming of his lovely warm basket and a meaty bone.

Wells Green Methodist Church

As I write this (in April) it would be easy to feel that there is a lot of bad news about. From earthquakes and tsunami, with concerns about radiation leaks, to uprisings in Egypt, Libya, Syria and other countries, we could feel that life is rather depressing. Especially when we think about cost cuts in our own country.

However, for most of us life is still actually quite good. How many of us have to walk several miles to collect drinking water? Or travel 30 miles or more to find some medical care? Or wonder where the next meal is coming from? By comparison our lives aren't bad at all!

And if you think of some of the beautiful countryside around us, or look forward to getting together with family and friends, we actually have a lot to celebrate and give thanks for.

In England we often think of ourselves as good in a crisis, as people rally round to help one another. But one thing is certain, the God who gave up everything to become one of us, and gave up his life in Jesus to give us new hope, is there to help us both in our difficulties, and in our celebrations.

So have a good summer, and remember all the things you can be thankful for.

Rev Jenny Arthurs

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Wistaston Green Townswomen's Guild

As mentioned previously, the Guild's aim is to educate and we certainly achieved that in February. Mr Steve Manning delivered a talk on orchidaceae. No dumbing down here! Full tongue-twisting botanical names were used throughout.

He told us how he came to be addicted to orchids after he arrived in Cheshire and meeting a neighbour who opened his eyes to a new world. Wondering if a dilapidated greenhouse would become an insurance claim during some incredible storm he soon realised that as it would not give in gracefully he decided to renovate it instead. Because it had a wall bordering his neighbour's land he decided to inform him of his intention to do the work and ask his permission to do so, during this conversation he was asked what he intended to grow in it and was promptly taken on a tour of his garden. That was the beginning, never had Steve seen so many orchids in all his life – the seed was planted!

He informed us that a great proportion of the world was capable of growing orchids. In the tropical forests they use the vegetation as supports and become terrestrial, more like the orchids we know and protect. He now has over 2000 in his collection and showed us many excellent photographs. We were amazed at the beauty and complexity of these incredible plants. We are, perhaps, familiar with some of the varieties that look like faces, or even people. We learnt about the imaginative and ingenious ways in which they reproduce with the aid of insects. Mankind still has a long way to go to catch up with nature – it will always be that one step ahead.

Our AGM in March was followed by an excellent fish and chip supper supplied by the local chippy in Bramhall Road which was enjoyed by all. We were delighted to be able to wish Betty Morris congratulations on her 90th birthday and she was presented with a beautiful bouquet of tulips.

Our Federation also held their annual afternoon tea in March. This year was a new venue at the Festival Park in Hanley which was a great improvement over that previously used. The very spacious ballroom was filled with over 200 ladies. We were very honoured to have our National Chairman as our guest and she said it was the largest group she had had the privilege to visit during her term of office so far. She congratulated her predecessor on her stamina and hard work and concurred that it was necessary to put one's own life on hold and was hoping to keep up the pace.

Our speaker for the event was Adam Partridge whose talk was mainly anecdotal and humorous. He commenced with his experience of receiving Christmas cards by the shed load consisting of partridges and pear trees. Perhaps we should bear this in mind when we think we are being appropriate with our choice. He had many tales to tell of the reasons people want to sell their treasures – downsizing, would like someone else to have the pleasure, don't like it, want to treat the grandchildren, pay for plastic surgery etc. He was always sad to see people wanting to sell war medals. One has to acquire the art of letting people down gently

when the article is worth far less than they anticipated. Tea services, although perfect will rarely fetch a high price. One hopeful had brought along a set of fish knives and forks, engraved with a fish – he asked what they were used for! How times have changed. At the moment silver, gold and Chinese artefacts are all good collectables. Commemorative items are very often not worth a lot due to the high production as are those produced at the wrong time with incorrect information – such as an Edward VIII mug, Charles & Camilla changed their wedding date leaving a great deal of stock and worthless.

At our April meeting Elsie Whalley presented Ruth Bush with the President's badge along with a beautiful bouquet – very well deserved. Ruth has been a dedicated member of the Guild and committee for some considerable time and worked very hard for its success; we hope she enjoys her term of office.

Our speaker for the evening was Robert Wheatley. Whilst we expected an interesting talk on antiques we were treated to an informative and hilarious session. The Victorian period was one of great activity and progress resulting in the emergence of the middle classes who wanted to emulate the rich. To demonstrate this he had many excellent pieces of silverware and in particular a solid silver teapot made in 1838. Robert has a great love, not only of his precious collection, but of history which brought all the pieces to life, each one having a story of its own relative to the period in which it was produced. He showed us a Moorcroft ashtray dated around 1929-36 produced for a liner in Barrow in Furness, early Moorcroft being very valuable. He had many pieces from the early 20th century which were in mint condition.

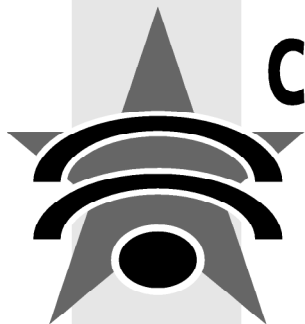
Robert gave us a very entertaining and educational talk interspersed with three poems which he recited with great aplomb. Amongst all these very valuable pieces was a small brass photo stand from his childhood home which proves that money is not the only value we should place on pieces, sentimental pieces are priceless too. It was very refreshing to hear that although he left Crewe many years ago he was always pleased to return to his birthplace. He was also slightly amused to say that someone had parked in what used to be his family's garden in Thomas Street – making it rather sad to think that most of what was Crewe has been demolished and perhaps we should all work a little harder to preserve our locality before we too find our garden has now become a car park!

Our thanks must go to Jean Stubbs for producing a wonderful Simnel cake which was raffled for the charity for Pancreatic Cancer raising a generous amount.

Dates for your diary:

Our meetings take place at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month at St Mark's Church Hall, Bramhall Road, Wistaston Green, Crewe.

2 nd June	Mrs M Latham	Jams and Chutneys
7 th July	Mrs J Hadfield	My work in the Registry Office
4 th Aug.	Mr Greatorrex	Unusual Names
1 st Sept.		Harvest Table



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Contact: Vicky Taylor-Lawless **tel.** 01270 582212 **(Transport available)**

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Contact: Janice Clarke **tel.** 01270 568993

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Contact: Paul Bower **tel.** 01270 661108

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