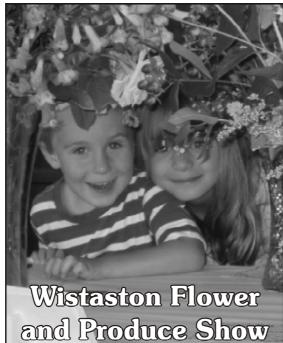
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Editorial

With very many thanks to everyone for the continued splendid support you give to Roundabout for without your contributions and advertisements it could not

Please send in your articles, photographs etc for our Winter edition – due out in early December – by 15 October 2011. In this edition we will have the winners of the Laurie Twiss award together with the winning article which has been announced at the Flower and Produce Show on the 20 August.

Geoff Poppitt Eileen Bamber 31 Broughton Lane 19 Byron Way 01270 569126 01270 569642 email: Eileen.Bamber@btinternet.com

We look forward to the many events ahead, the next one being the Fireworks Display on 5 November having had an activity packed year. We have just had a very successful Flower and Produce Show hence the photographs on our cover but more about that next time whilst the Village Fete took place in June and the Wistaston Community Council are very

conscious of the thanks due to everyone involved in its success and especially to the Revd Mike and Mrs Turnbull for the use of their garden which turns the Fete into something special.

Wistonians should be thinking what form their own celebrations will take for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Dates for your Diary for 2011/2012

Sat. 3 Sept. **Duck Race**

Tues. 25 Oct. Annual Memorial Hall Quiz

Sat. 5 Nov. Fireworks

Sun. 13 Nov. Annual Remembrance

Service – 3pm

Thurs. 6 Oct. Memorial Hall Concert -West End Concert Band et al

Fri. 9 Dec. Christmas Concert Fri. 16 Mar. Spring Concert with The Kipling Singers

Don't forget the Duck Race

on Saturday 3 September at Joey the Swan : Children's Model Boat Race 2.30 Stalls from 1.30

Duck Race 3.30

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Wistaston & District Flower Club

Wistaston & District Flower Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary at the Memorial Hall on 1st June. An audience of 120 members, guests and friends were welcomed on arrival with a golden rose and a resume of the club's 50 year history. National demonstrator Jonathan Moseley gave a fabulous flower arranging demonstration. A toast to the past and future success of the club was given by Mrs Sheila Smith, Chairperson of Mercia & North Wales Area of NAFAS, Mrs Wendy Davis National Vice-Chairperson added her congratulations and members saluted the milestone with a glass of wine. A Public Meeting was instigated in May 1961 following which the club was formed. Today the membership stands at a healthy 130. Over the many years we have been entertained by a diverse range of Demonstrators both Area and National. As well as these demonstrations members are encouraged to exhibit their own arrangements competing for numerous cups which have been donated in memory of ladies who are sadly no longer with us. We assist at the Nantwich Agricultural Show in the Floral Art Section and have participated in numerous Church Festivals; this year some of our members have assisted with the Flower Festival at Nantwich Parish Church in July. Members enjoy a Cheese & Wine Luncheon prepared by the committee prior to the AGM; also a delicious Cream Tea followed by a Speaker in August. Workshops are also held to encourage members to 'have a go'. Numerous charities benefit from our fund raising, particular emphasis placed on local charities. Day trips are undertaken the highlight of these being a memorable trip to Prince Charles home at Highgrove.



(L to R) Christina Wainwright; Olive Williams; Jonathan Moseley; Sheila Smith; Catherine Scales; Wendy Davis and Elizabeth Russell.

We are a very busy and happy club and you will be made most welcome as a visitor with perhaps a view to joining us. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the Memorial Hall at 2.30pm with the exception of January, so please come along and give us a try helping us to up-hold our motto 'Play with Flowers & Smile'.

Christina Wainwright

Secretary

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We have two part time employees one for bookings and cleaning the venue and the second one for ground maintenance and outside repairs along with a group of volunteers who help to keep the sports field and building in good order.

Currently we are looking for help with the promotion of the sports court (known as the muga) in order to gain more winter bookings which could lead to a part time position. If you would like to help with this please contact the Sports Association for a meeting with some of the committee members on the booking line 07758302647







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Despite our winter in the freezer our early migrants arrived on time. 9 April saw our first swallow and small white butterfly as early signs of spring into summer, also a tiny all-black ladybird; but not till

11 May were the swifts seen wheeling over their favourite location of St. Mary's Church.

Mid May brought three mistle thrushes to our lawn: a strange number since they all looked adult and we would have expected a pair with a chick. The mistle thrush is so called for its fondness of mistletoe berries; its alternative name of 'storm cock' for its prominence at a treetop, to sing in all weathers, no matter how wild. It also likes to nest high in a tree, early in the season, and in an exposed position. We have read that it may attack a man if he comes close to the nest as it can be aggressive at nesting time.

In early June a great spotted woodpecker landed on our fat block. It is odd how a fat block varies in its popularity. It can be rejected in cold weather, when we would expect the birds to need the most energy, yet, as soon as spring appears, with its plethora of insects and grubs, it begins its popularity with the crow family, blackbird, starling, and, to a minor extent, the woodpecker. Mid May saw young starlings appear, watching the parents attacking the block. Young starlings lack the adult spots and display a distinctly white throat: more distinctive than the white throat on a whitethroat!

An accidental peep through the window after dusk one evening caught a fox crossing the front lawns. It could well be the animal mentioned in a previous article and you wonder if it is a frequent nightly expedition.

At long last a sparrow pair has used one hole of the three-hole terrace box for nesting and successfully rearing young. The two previous years had only attracted great tits and it took a year or two for birds to be interested at all.

It was good to see a song thrush taking food over Church Lane in early June, confirming local breeding success, and one is heard most days singing from the allotment hedgerow in Sandylands Park.

A great spotted woodpecker and a bullfinch pair have visited our feeders in June, and early risers have been heard with robin 3.30 a.m. and blackbird 4.00 a.m., both species known for their nocturnal utterances.

4 July brought our first glimpse of a goldcrest on a seed feeder: they normally just peck around on branches.

We had almost daily visits from a sparrowhawk the first week of July, skimming over both back and front gardens; on the last occasion squatting brazenly outside the neighbour's front door, plucking a small bird, till disturbed by a cat, at which point it flew off, still clutching the prey.

An email from Ken Hall on 2 July told of an egret flying down towards the brook at the rear of Ken's garden in Swift Close, but before it could land it was mobbed by two crows and flew off towards Lear Drive. The egret is becoming an exciting new bird to be seen in Wistaston. Wish we had had the honour.

The warm showery days interspersed with sunshine mean we can continue to enjoy watching our wildlife, but not on days like 11 June when hailstones bounced down our chimney, onto the rug, spilling out like sugar lumps!

Our thanks to all contributors.

Trevor and Hilary Clowes

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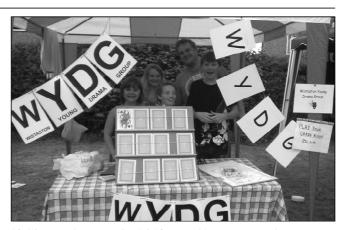
Wistaston Young Drama Group July 2011

Wistaston Young Drama Group (WYDG) will be opening their doors again for a new term. With four age groups and the new term beginning it is a great time to join for anyone interested in meeting new friends, having fun and acting.

The first session for new members is free so that they can get a taster for the group.

All groups will soon begin work on their next showcase, usually an outstanding show of young talent, held at Audley Theatre.

Sessions for 7-11 year olds, 11-13 year olds, and 13-16 year olds run on Saturday mornings, 10.30am until



 $12.45 \mathrm{pm},$ and sessions for 16-18 year olds run on Tuesday evenings, 7pm-9pm, all at Wistaston Memorial Hall, Church Lane.

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Wistaston in Bloom

After delayed planting out the flower beds quickly established themselves and were ready for the North West in Bloom judging on the 26 July

This year the Jackson's Corner bed has been elevated with the slope enhanced to improve the visual impact of the emblem - Joey the Swan.

Unfortunately this year there has been no financial or physical support from Cheshire East Council but we are grateful to the Parish Council for its continued involvement.

All the front gardens have been judged and the results for 2011 are:-

St Mary's Ward

1 st	Mr & Mrs J Pullen	1 Spencer Close
2^{nd}	Mr & Mrs R Leeke	37 Princess Drive
3^{rd}	Mr & Mrs L Perry	26 Westfield Drive

Wells Green Ward

$1^{\rm st}$	Mrs I Savage	80 Laidon Avenu
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3^{rd}	Mr & Mrs A Williams	22 Rope Lane

Wistaston Green Ward	
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This will be followed by a torch-light Procession (please bring your own torches) which leaves at 6.00 p.m. to The Brittles for the Firework display at 6.30 p.m. The actual firework display will be provided by Hex Fireworks. The Scouts will be providing refreshments and will be serving burgers and hot dogs as well as hot and cold drinks.

We would like to thank Wistaston Parish Council who have kindly provided their support to allow this event to go ahead.

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Berkeley Primary School

This has been a fantastic year in school and it seems to have been non-stop with plenty of exciting activities taking place as well as lots of work going on in the classrooms. I have been thrilled with the way Year 6 has worked this year and they should be congratulated on the amazing results they produced in the SATs with 98% of them obtaining Level 4 or above which is the highest score at The Berkeley in living memory.

The Berkeley has also been very successful on the sports fields this year. We have been proudly displaying a huge football trophy in the entrance hall this year. Our team won the Crewe and Nantwich Autumn league cup and the Crewe Alex community cup. They went on to represent Crewe Alex at Bradford City in the Northern England Finals. We all enjoyed seeing their pictures and reports in the papers.

In June a large group of KS2 children went to Cumberland Sports ground to take part in the field events for the town sports. In July the track events took place at The Barony. Our athletes returned with lots of certificates for first, second and third places. A big thank you to all those who turned out to represent us and to the parents who ferry children around in order for them to take part.

Judo Club entered the Inter-School competition again this year and achieved third place. We have some excellent Judo competitors in school at present and I am sure they will continue to do well. Do come along to the Tuesday night class in the school hall with Mr. Smith if you are interested in joining them.

Ballet Class has become increasingly popular in school this year and the children did an end of term performance for parents last week. The girls looked beautiful in their tutus and the dance is reaching an increasingly high standard.

Thank you to all of you who have continued to attend the Bluebells Toddlers group on Wednesday mornings at 9.00 in the school hall. We intend to continue with these sessions, which are free for toddlers

and parents, in the autumn term, so please come along and try it if you have not already done so. We all enjoy seeing the toddlers in school.

It has been lovely to see so many attending the Grandparents lunches. Our school cook, Mrs. Wilson always reaches a high standard with the roast dinners she provides! The children really love seeing their grandparents in school so we do appreciate your support with this.

Year 3 /4 worked hard on their end of year performances which took place last week and went really well. It was great to see them share work that they had covered over the year and the audience learned a great deal from the Science Curriculum during the show!

We do appreciate the excellent work done by FOBS this term. Family Fun Night went very smoothly despite our concerns about the weather. Everyone involved worked hard running stalls and barbecues and approximately £2000 was raised. FOBS have decided to use the funds raised recently to provide an Adventure Trail, with climbing equipment, which will be built in the playground over the summer.

We maintain our friendship with Mutarakwa primary in Kenya and regularly exchange letters and photos. We have applied for a grant to enable their teachers to visit our school. We have also done considerable work on an Indian theme – the children have prepared Indian food, tried on traditional dress, engaged in dancing and had the chance to have Rangoli patterns painted on their hands. We would welcome any postcards sent to school if you are abroad over the summer holiday. We plan to display them around a world map in the school hall in order to enhance the children's awareness of other countries.

Thank you to Sportscape for the work they have done with our children this term. We plan to continue our link with them next year. They provide us with some high quality PE coaching and some ever-popular after-school clubs.

J.Stainsby-Cope

Runner of the Year

Frank Morton recently submitted this photograph of his aunt, Mildred Hope who was born in 1914 and attended Wistaston School.

She is shown with the Cheshire Shield which she won for her school for running – probably the 100 yards - in 1927 or 1928. It is a fascinating photograph giving a brief insight into the individual flashes of brilliance which come into our lives now and then.

Mildred died about 1980.





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Don't Depend on Dirty Deeds

Welcome to the latest legal advice column from Bowcock Cuerden. This time I am talking to solicitor Natasha Parkin about the Land Registry and the registration of title to land. This is one of the subjects that Natasha knows very well as she has been part of our team, working under the instruction of the British Waterways Board, to register their land in the North West...and that is a lot of towpath!!

Natasha, to start with, can you explain what the Land Registry is?

Land Registry is a government department tasked with maintaining an accurate record of the ownership of all land in England and Wales. Separate arrangements apply in Scotland and Northern Ireland. It is relevant to all of us who own land, even if it is just the piece of land that our house is built upon.

Is it a new thing?

No, but its importance and relevance have been growing in recent years as technology has allowed the computerisation of land records.

What's the history?

Throughout the 19^{th} Century various acts were passed to introduce a voluntary national system of land ownership registration but these were ineffective and it was not until 1925 that the Land Registration Act was passed which allowed for the compulsory registration of title to land

This still seems a long time ago

It has been a very gradual process. Compulsory Registration by order only applied to various areas of the country over time. The last area to be so ordered was only in 1990 and this was only on the sale of the land or property. Compulsory Registration of land that is given as a gift has only been required since 1998.

So I guess that the national picture is a little uneven?

Yes, although the amount of unregistered land is decreasing every year. According to the latest Land Registry figures, 25% of land in England and Wales remains unregistered, in Cheshire East the figure is a little over 20%. The areas with the highest amount of unregistered land are mostly in Wales whereas areas as diverse as Newport, Middlesbrough and the Scilly Isles are fully registered.

What information does the registry hold for each registered property?

Broadly speaking they will have a large scale Ordnance Survey map with the extent of the land outlined in red and any buildings outlined in black. They will also have details of the title holder, any leases that may apply, rights of way and restrictive covenants. In addition any mortgages secured on the property should be recorded as well as dates of transfer.

So all my old Deeds can be thrown away?

The answer is generally no. It is necessary to retain documents to which the register entries refer. Take the advice of a legal professional before disposing of any documents of this nature.

How do I find out if my land or house is registered?

In Crewe and Nantwich anyone who bought their house after 1974 should find their title is registered as this is when the compulsory registration order was applied to this area. In the case of gifted property this date is 1998 as I referred to earlier. However, to be absolutely certain you may request copies of your register entries via your solicitor or direct from the Land Registry.

If my property is not registered is it simply best to leave it?

You are certainly under no legal obligation to register until the property is transferred to a new owner or one of the other for compulsory registration occurs, but there may be some compelling reasons why you may voluntarily register.

Such as

When a property or land is to be sold, it is most likely that a buyer will expect registration to have been completed by the vendor. In order to increase the coverage of the register, Land Registry are offering a discount of up to 25% on the fees for a first registration when it is done voluntarily and not part of a disposal or transfer, so taking action now can save both time and money. Even if you are not intending to move from your present home, the registration process will subsequently need to be completed by the beneficiaries of a Will, which can prove to be very time consuming and costly, so registering your land can be an important part of the Will making or estate planning process.

continued ...

So the 25% discount is only if the owner of the unregistered land voluntarily registers their title?

Yes, the discount has been on offer for a few years now but we have no indication of how long it will be available.

Other than saving time and money, are there any other advantages to voluntary registration?

Yes, firstly a registered title is guaranteed by the state. It means that you have proof of what is yours held securely, clearly and easily accessible. The "state guarantee" means that anyone suffering a loss because of information held and provided by the Land Registry may be able to claim compensation for that loss. Additionally, I can confirm from my own cases that it can also reduce boundary disputes, help protect against squatters and other adverse claims on property and can go a long way towards preventing property fraud

Property fraud?

It is a broad subject to discuss within the constraints of this article but perhaps we can cover a few points that may increase awareness.

Property fraud normally describes the fraudulent transfer, or securing of finance, usually a mortgage, on a property. Properties particularly at risk are often rented, unoccupied with the owner perhaps abroad, where the owner is infirm or in nursing care or in cases of relationship breakdown. The fraudsters will often use forged, or sometimes original, Deeds and by the time the householder becomes aware of the fraud they have disappeared with the money.

So what can be done?

Once a property is registered, there are certain actions that can be taken to prevent fraud if it is felt to be a risk. You can request that any notification to you of a change of the register as it relates to your property should be sent to up to three addresses, one of which can be your solicitor. This helps to guard against interception of mail. You can also put restrictions on your title, which means that the Land Registry will not register a dealing on the property without confirmation from a solicitor that they have checked the identity of the person who has signed the deed. If you do not live in a property that you own, one final but simple point to help prevent fraud is to make sure you keep Land Registry informed of your current address so that you actually receive any notifications of registry changes.

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.

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St Mary's Wistaston

This month the church celebrates the feast day of St Matthew - one of the first disciples to be called by Jesus. Matthew was a guy who had a good job as a tax collector and had a certain amount of status within society. Yet, when Jesus asked him to join him he didn't need to think about it - he followed him and his life changed forever!

Sometimes it can be difficult to move out of our comfort zone - whatever that may be for each of us. Certainly in our Christian life this can be the case. For many reasons we can fall into a safe zone in our relationship with God - sometimes this is okay - after all it would be difficult to be forever challenged. Yet, the danger of this is that we never move out of the safe or comfort zone and so our faith is never challenged and so we never grow. How many of us would be prepared to be like Matthew and say, "Yes Lord where are we going?" For most of us we far too often put conditions into our relationship with God and so miss out on the great things he has in store for us.

This means taking a risk, moving out of our comfort zone, but the main thing to remember is God will never ask us to do something that he will not equip us for. Yes it can feel like a risk, but one that will lead us to have an exciting relationship with God. So how can we be like Matthew? Well we can be open to God and what he wants to do in our lives. How do we do this? To be open to God through prayer, through reading the Bible, through listening to God - giving God some space to work within our lives without us controlling every aspect of it.

Why not come and celebrate God's goodness towards us at our Harvest Service on Sunday 2 October, 9am at St Luke's in Willaston and 10.40am at St Mary's Wistaston. Harvest is a great time to thank God for his goodness to us and to recommit ourselves to his service. Hopefully see you there...

Kind regards,

Revd Mike Turnbull

The Rectory 44 Church Lane Wistaston Crewe CW2 8HA Tel: 01270 665742 www.stmaryswistaston.org.uk



Wistaston and Rope War Memorial

The Wistaston and Rope War Memorial was funded by donations from members of the parishes of Wistaston and Rope as a memorial to local servicemen who lost their lives in the Great War (1914-1918). It stands in the grounds of St Mary's Church, Wistaston and is the responsibility of Wistaston Parish Council.

The Parish Council has been advised (see meeting 17 March 2011) that the current position is cramped and both the approach path and the unfenced drop to the road are hazardous. Although suitable for service in the 1920s the population has multiplied necessitating the consideration of an alternative (the grass triangle in front

List of personnel killed in the Great War 1914-18

Name	Rank	Unit	
Barber, J.W.	Pte	Lon Rif	(London Rifles,6thBn,London Regt)
Booth, C	Lt	RNR	(Royal Naval Reserve)
Booth, E	Tpr	CMR	(Canadian Mounted Rifles)
Booth, F	Flt Sr Lt	RNAS	(Royal Naval Air Service)
Burrows, A.J.	Pte	L.Fus	(Lancashire Fusiliers)
Cope, E.M.	Lt	NSR	(North Staffordshire Regt)
Hutton, S.F.	Lt	Yorks.R	(12th (Pioneer) Bn, Yorkshire Regt)
Louis, C.J.	Capt	ASC	(Army Service Corps)
Pearson, C.	Lt	RFC	(Royal Flying Corps)
Piggot, J.	Pte	Ches.R	(Cheshire Regt)
Proud, C.A.	Capt.	RE	(Royal Engineers)
Sampson, T.B.	Lt	KSLI	(Kings Shropshire Light Infantry)
Sanders, C.	Air Mc	RAF	(Royal Air Force)
Stockton, H.A.	Pte	E.Yks	(East Yorkshire Regiment)
White, N.A.H.	Spr	RE	(Royal Engineers)
Williams, R.	Pte	W.Gds	(Welsh Guards)

of the Church has been suggested as providing increased and safer standing).

It may be of interest that on the memorial the regiment to which Trooper Booth belonged was the 'CMR'. The Army abbreviation 'MR' is short for 'Mounted Rifles'. This title did not appear in the Army List 1914-18 although Commonwealth countries retained 'Mounted Rifles'. Examining the plaques recently positioned around Christ Church, Crewe, a Trooper Booth is mentioned as belonging to the Canadian Mounted Rifles.

The armistice was signed to end the Great War at 11am, 11 November 1918(11-11-11) and our two minute silence is usually held at 11am on the nearest Sunday. The poppies we wear represent those which grew in the battlefields of Flanders, each petal representing a soldier who gave his life.

Malcolm A Bellis

Do let us know your views on the re-siting of the War Memorial. If you contact Roundabout they will be passed on.

Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre

The hall continues to attract meetings from over forty organisations. The Booking Agent is

Herbert Locke MBE, Tel. 01270 665664.

Recently the hall's management committee received a cheque for £2,000 from Hibberts LLP from the estate of Ada Sylvia King who died in January. As Ada Buckley she was the committee's secretary for 16 years (1966-82) and as Ada King she was a committee member/trustee for 9 years (1983-92). She enjoyed many activities at the hall and respected its memory as a tribute to the sixteen Wistonians who perished in WW2. The money will be used to pay for the construction of two new external doors to the hall's side rooms. Plaques will be placed on them in Ada King's memory. We are so grateful for such bequests from people who have used our hall.

Our forthcoming events include: Saturday 3rd September – the annual Duck Race and Children's Model Boat race and display, at the Joey the Swan Recreation ground, sponsored by Cheshire Conservatories and Windows Ltd and the Crewe Cine & Video Club. **Thursday 6th October** – the **Hall Concert** with music provided by the Crewe Concert Band (formerly the Crewe West End Concert Band) plus local artistes. The concert will take place in the main hall, starting at 7:30pm. Entry at the door on the night @ £5 per person which will include light refreshments. Please come and enjoy the local music.

Tuesday 25th October – the **Annual Hall Quiz** in the main hall. Why not enter a team of 4 @ £5 per team? The quizmaster is Geoff Armitage. Light refreshments will be served. Can your team beat the 2010 champions – 3 plus 1 – for the Fred Lorimer Memorial shield?

Sunday 13th November – the annual **Remembrance Service** starting at 3pm. The collection will go to the Royal British Legion.

The Wistaston Memorial Hall has been described as a "warm and welcoming place" – please come and enjoy our various activities.

Iohn C White

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6th Oct to 8th Dec

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Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

By the time the residents of our village read my latest editorial the **2011** campaign would have all but been completed. At the time of producing my latest tome (early July,) the **First XI** have had a productive season and at the half-way point in their campaign are nestling very nicely in joint second position – fourteen points behind Langley, in **The Cheshire Alliance Division 1**, while our **Seconds** who are competing in **The Cheshire Alliance Division 3** are struggling to find their form and are rooted at the foot of their table. This current malaise can be reversed due in no small part to other teams above them also struggling and a couple of positive results will see them rise in their league position.

Our 3rd XI (Sunday) which currently play in Division 4 West are currently holding a mid-table position with a playing record of Played 9 won 2 drawn 2 lost 4 abandoned 1.

We will be holding our annual **President's Day** on **Sunday 11th September at the Brittles** which will include the usual amenities expected of such an event (B.B.Q stand, a licensed bar, soft drinks, cricket competitions and raffles, with all proceeds being channelled into the cricket club.) Fuller details will be circulated around the village at the usual outlets closer to the event.

Our end of season **Presentation Evening** is scheduled for **Saturday 17th September**, the venue being **St Mary's Church Hall.** Full details will be circulated nearer the time.

TOP SIX

Top six placings as at 8th July 2011	P	wbf	lbf	wbs	lbs	wbt	lbt	d	C	BP	Pen	Pts
Langley CC, Cheshire - 1st XI	11	5	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	35	0	205
Wistaston Village CC - 1st XI	11	3	2	0	0	3	3	0	0	41	0	191
Haslington CC - 1st XI	11	3	1	4	1	0	0	2	0	36	0	191
Glazebury CC - 1st XI	11	3	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	41	0	186
Rylands CC - 1st XI	11	0	2	2	2	4	0	1	0	33	0	173
Wirral CC - 1st XI	11	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	0	62	0	172

The Under 9, 11, 13 and 15 junior teams have been competing in their respective leagues in The South Cheshire Junior Cricket League and at the time of going to press are all enjoying a varied season.

The Under 9's are currently 4^{th} in their league, while the Under 11's lie 5^{th} in their league. Our Under 13's currently are in 4^{th} position in their league but our Under 15's are having a very successful season and having played five matches lie third in a league that includes Nantwich, Haslington, Crewe and Elworth.

Not to be outdone, our flourishing girls team (Under 13's) who are competing in The Cheshire Girls Cricket League continue where they left off in 2010. A slightly differently structured league means that in 2011 only three teams compete in Under 13 League South, (Wistaston Village, Bunbury and Middlewich) however the balance of the playing season will be taken up by involvement in different tournaments.

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. Following a
summer break, Bingo evenings will re-commence on **Friday 16**th **September 2011 at The Brittles.**

We offer cricket to adults and juniors of all standards and the Club is proud on being very much child friendly and we have been re-credited with the E.C.B Club Mark originally awarded in May 2005. Interested in joining W.V.C.C? Please contact Kevin Jobbins: - Tel 663699 in the first instance.

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

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

SUNDAY 3rd XI

Sunday 3rd XI table as at 3rd July 2011	P	w	1	BatP	BowlP	Pen	Ave	Pts
Wistaston Village CC - girls U13	2	2	0	9	4	0	11.5	23
Bunbury CC - Girls Under 13	2	1	1	4	5	0	8	16
Middlewich CC - Girls Under 13	2	0	2	3	2	0	4.5	9

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WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – PLACE SHAPING

Cheshire East Council's consultation on place shaping has commenced. This will help to shape the Local Development Framework, setting out planning policies and development in Cheshire East for the next 20 years. This is your chance to make comments on:-

- What do you want your town or village to be like in the future?
- · What would you like to see improved?
- How can we make the area an attractive and thriving place in the future?

Questionnaires can be completed online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ldf comments are required by 30th September 2011.

2. PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council are statutory consultees on all planning applications. These are considered at Council meetings and the Council's views are provided to Cheshire East Council, who make the decision on applications. Any planning applications received between Council meetings are delegated to our Planning Subcommittee who meet at the beginning of the month. Notices of these meetings are advertised on our notice boards and all residents are welcome to attend

3. VANDALISM - CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND JOEY THE SWAN

We have been experiencing vandalism at our Children's Playground. The dog waste bin was emptied of the contents and then smeared all over the play equipment and surrounding area. Paint balls have been thrown all over the play ground and bottles smashed around the Tropicana unit. The play area was in a shocking state and it is hard to believe anyone could have done such a thing especially knowing that young children play there. If anyone knows who is responsible or has any information please contact our Clerk or the Police with details.

4. UNAUTHORISED RIDING OF MOTOR CYCLES AT JOEY THE SWAN

Motor cycles and quad bikes are being ridden around Joey the Swan recreation land, causing damage to the woodlands. If anyone has any information regarding this please report it to the Police Neighbourhood Unit on 0845 458 0000, or contact our Clerk.

Cllr. J. Moore Chairman

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Wistaston Green Townswomen's Guild

At our May meeting members were kept under control by the strong arm of the law when our local community police presided over the meeting with an informative talk giving us useful advice on how to keep safe when out and about and in the home.

The 'birthday' outing celebrated in May was very successful. The weather was not too promising but spirits were high as we headed towards Llangollen. The first port of call was the canal basin just before the famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, a magnificent piece of engineering designed by Thomas Telford. We all clambered aboard the narrow boat, some with difficulty but not lacking in enthusiasm but a certain amount of trepidation; floating in the sky? What would it actually feel like? - Not much different to flying then!! With tea and biscuits served nerves were soon calmed. Until the middle of the aqueduct is reached one doesn't really gain a true impression of the great feat of engineering that this structure really is. Don't look down the 126 feet if you suffer from vertigo. There is the illusion that nothing is holding the boat aloft. I believe it is one of the '101 things to do before you die'. A truly exhilarating experience - especially if you are brave enough to sit at the bow! We all had a super day out and again our thanks go to Janice Williams for arranging this trip for us.

At our June meeting we welcomed Ms Latham who is a local producer of jams and chutneys. Whilst demonstrating the art of chutney making she kept us entertained with many anecdotes of how she came to make this produce for a living instead of a career in criminology for which she has a degree, and various incidents related to her attendance at Food Festivals and Farmers' markets. She brought along an extensive selection of goodies and all agreed they were very tasty. She also said she would be happy to purchase excess produce from the local community.

Always the highlight of the year for Townswomen is the AGM held again this year at Birmingham's International Convention Centre which is a superb venue with outstanding acoustics and the organisation is second to none. Following the welcome for The Princess Royal there was the banner march comprising of over 50 Guilds. During the introduction a message was relayed from the Queen encouraging us to keep recruiting new members and we hope any publicity we get will urge new ladies to join us.

The mandate for the meeting this year regarded Geriatric Care in Hospitals – a much debated topic in recent months with many devastated families citing appalling conditions and treatment which their loved ones had suffered. The mandate wording was:

'Townswomen's Guilds urge the Minister of State for Health to ensure that every hospital has on its staff, or has access to, a consultant geriatrician to oversee the training of staff in the welfare of elderly, frail and vulnerable patients under their care'. This was debated and passed. Other business included presentations made by HRH The Princess Royal to Townswoman of the Year for her work with the Guild and her community, amongst several others and after the presentations she was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

After lunch we listened to Rebecca Stephens MBE, the first British woman to have climbed Everest and the first English speaking woman to climb seven summits of the highest mountains on each of the seven continents. It was as a journalist with the Anglo-American expedition of the North East ridge of Everest that she got bitten by the mountaineering bug, from then on her life took a completely new turn. She believes that every individual can achieve goals far beyond their wildest dreams – 'It's about clarity of vision – defining exactly what it is you want to achieve' she says.

Some amazing facts were imparted by our speaker in July. Julie Hadfield is a Superintendent Registrar, employed by Cheshire East Council in Crewe. How old would you imagine the youngest child bride would have been in the county? 12? 14? Well no!

In 1556 - Thomas Wickstead 10, married Elline Ball 9 in Marbury Church; 1574 - Willaim Newton 8 maried Margaret Mere 6 in Wilmslow; 1610 - Cholmondeley Salomon 10 married Elizabeth Whitney 5 at Wrenbury.

It was not until the marriage act of 1770 that no marriages under 21 could take place without consent. But we must ask who consented or arranged this type of union? Surely it was the parents or guardians? In 1772 – definition of marriage – either party under 7, would be void; that was the beginning of regulation. However in 1929 it became 16 for both, with consent.

Just as interesting were facts relating to the ceremony itself – the vision of loveliness that we all come to expect to float down the aisle was at one time covered by law too – the groom could annul the marriage the next day if he discovered that his bride had used scrubs, paints, cosmetic washes, artificial teeth, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops, high heeled shoes and bolstered hips!! What about today's equivalent – botox, tucks, nips, implants, false eyelashes, hair colour, the list is endless – what would the bride have to say about such a law? How times have changed.

Apart from marriages the Registry undertakes other duties: civil partnerships, family history (copies of certificates showing the original signatures), citizenship ceremonies which are big occasions and

continued ..

take place at Crewe Hall and nationality checking service – a truly interesting and rewarding occupation.

It was mentioned some time ago that the Townswomen's Guild had lobbied the Government to urge the banks to abandon their intention to withdraw the cheque system. It has now been confirmed that the notion has been put on hold indefinitely due to the lack of a suitable alternative. It is good to feel that the TG played its part in highlighting the difficulties faced by many individuals and organisations that would not be able to operate without this tried and trusted method of transferring money in our society. May we continue to lobby parliament on issues of concern to individuals who otherwise would be unheard and ignored.

Dates for your diary:

1st Sept. Harvest table

6th Oct. Wildlife with slides – Mr D Taylor 3rd Nov. Experiences working on British

Rail – Mr T Butler

1st Dec. My Holiday in Australia 2010/11

– Mrs J Stubbs

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The syllabus for the remainder of 2011 is as follows:

9th August Travels in Ancient North Africa –

a fascinating talk.

13th Sept The Rise and Fall of the

Antoninianus – illustrated talk

11th October Autumn Coin Fair – thousands of coins and medals for sale.

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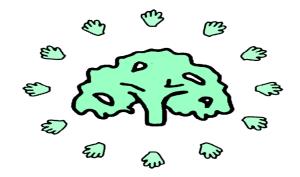
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U3A Scottish Dancers Spring into Action

During the spring, many of our U3A members and members of Nantwich Scottish Society danced at a charity Scottish dance organised by Alderley Caledonian society to raise money for victims of the Japanese tsunami, and other members of these groups also donated towards it. The total amount of over £900 was sent to the Sendai Scottish Dancers Tsunami Relief Fund. Although none of the many thousand Japanese Scottish dancers lost their lives, several lost relatives, and 6 members of the Sendai group lost their homes, possessions, and everything, all washed away.

Our U3A Scottish Dance group danced, for the first time, this July at the White Rose Scottish Dancing Festival at Harewood, near Leeds. Over 30 Scottish dance groups from around the country took part in this non-competitive Festival. Our U3A Scottish dancers excelled themselves, enjoying it every bit as much as the prestigious RSCDS London and RSCDS Newcastle top demonstration teams. I felt very proud of them, particularly as we took part at short notice replacing the injury stricken Chester Caledonian dancers.

Nearer to home, our regular visits to Shavington Primary School have continued. 2 recent highlights, both in June, were the joint Tanzanian and Scottish evening at the school, and the School Fete where about 24 children, taught by U3A members, danced 3 Scottish dances in the playground. The light rain failed to dampen their spirits and they danced very well indeed – much to the delight of their parents and



U3A Scottish Dancers at White Rose Festival From left to right: Daphne Lacey, Eileen, Peter, Norma, Ann and Daphne Ashby

teachers – and the children themselves, too, going by the smiles on their faces.

Many of us enjoyed extra dancing, till the end of July, at our very pleasant venue, Acton Parish Hall, and we look forward to restarting our dancing on Tuesday afternoons from 6^{th} September, and, some of us, at the U3A Open Day in August. New members are very welcome – the basic requirements would seem to be an ability to laugh and talk a lot – these seem to help greatly with learning the dances!!!

May I add a thank you to Marion from U3A, who found us Acton Parish Hall when we first started 6 years ago, it's just the job.

Peter Marshall Tel 01270 214695



Wistaston Singers - new singers needed

Wistaston Singers are looking for new voices to join them, particularly top sopranos and tenors. They meet every Wednesday at 7.30 pm at the Parish Rooms at St Mary's Nantwich. Anyone interested is invited to come along to rehearsal to see what sort of music they sing and to meet a friendly group of people who enjoy singing. For further details please contact Chair Jackie Stubbs on 01270 625272 or Secretary Jill Oakes on 01270 662940.

Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday 7 September.

The Wistaston Singers will be giving a concert at ST MARY'S CHURCH, WISTASTON

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'The "pre-quel" of the 200^{th} consecutive South Cheshire George Formby Ukulele Society meeting, as seen through the eyes of a Crewe Cine & Video Club member.'

Crewe Cine & Video Club place 'FORMBY ON FILM!'

To celebrate their 200th consecutive monthly concert meeting due to take place on 24 June this year the South Cheshire George Formby Society invited the Crewe Cine & Video Club to provide a 'pre-quel' to that event by having a special showing of two, eagerly awaited, recently completed films which CCVC have produced which have been the accumulation of some three years research and production.

Brian Edge, joint founder member of the G.F. Society opened the proceedings by way of introduction and the evening began with a film dedicated to the late Walter Kirkland. This was produced by Howard and Isobel Carrahar, a CCTV husband and wife team. It took the form of an interview style format, with Walter talking with great enthusiasm about his life within the G.F. society. Walter was depicted in many shows in which he had made an appearance, where his enormous personality and unsurpassed enthusiasm was displayed. A splendid film, dedicated to Walter as a musical tribute to his GF membership. He will be sadly missed.

The two societies have gone to great lengths in co-operation to make these films which include visits to Wigan to capture the location and unveiling of a statue dedicated to George Formby, to recording one of the G.F. convention shows which take place at Blackpool's Winter Gardens where members of the various G.F. societies meet from all over the country. Footage was shot, edited and brought together in a fifty-five minute film entitled 'The Ukulele Men'. Featuring George Formby in his many film and latterly television roles: interviews with G.F. society members discussing their specific loves of their hobby, together with concert footage shot at the Nantwich Fun Day, a Macon twinning event and the Nantwich Jazz Festival.



The photograph, taken by CCVC member, John Morin, shows Brian, with Mike making the presentation.

The films project leader was Peter Bloor, a dedicated member of the CCVC, who has together with other CCVC members invested in many, many hours work, blood, sweat, and at times, tears, to achieve the results, subsequently admired and revered by the long awaited local G.F. society members. Jonathan Badderley, G.F. historian, was the 'link to film sequences' with his superb and distinct narration.

Refreshments were provided and served to a packed Wistaston Memorial Hall by the G.F. society and a raffle took place, drawn by Jonathan Badderley.

DVD copies of 'The Ukulele Men' in a unique case, especially designed and produced by Peter Bloor were presented to Brian Edge and other key members of the G.F. society by the 2010/11 CCVC chairman, Mike Hassall. Mike also gave his appreciation to CCVC members Neil Parker for his services as projectionist for the evening and Tony LaRosa for his lighting expertise. (Contact our CCVC website for more information or visit http://www.crewecinevideoclub.org.uk)

In conclusion to a wonderful evening of G.F. entertainment Brian Edge gave his vote of thanks.

Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club

Members of WJTC have been very busy during the Summer months since the weather has permitted non-stop play, In June the Club was involved with the Village Fete taking their unique tennis game which proved a huge success appealing to visitors of all ages.

In July a 12 hour 'Tennis-a-than arranged by Tony Mason and supported by a team of 13 members played for the 12 hours. Sponsored by friends and families a total in excess of £300 was raised. This will be donated to the Marie Curie Foundation and Leukaemia Research Fund and members should be congratulated for this magnificent effort.

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Wistaston Conservation Group

I reported in the last issue that the Group was progressing well, but since then things have improved even more. As noted below, we have recruited several new members, and a new secretary, so we have a bigger volunteer team, and are fully constituted again.

Village Fete: The Group had its usual stand outside the Church Hall, and was successful in not only raising funds for future projects by the sale of plants, (thanks to David O'Hara), but we also recruited 4 new members as well. We now have a good team of willing volunteers to progress our various projects.

We will be exhibiting for the first time at the Village Duck Race in September, so if you are interested in the work of the Group, or if you have any conservation or environmental issues, please come and see us there.

Species sightings: We are pleased to report several sightings of Water Vole on our local streams, a Little Egret, and a young Grey Heron, at Joey-the-Swan

Unfortunately there have not been any sightings of the White Letter Hairstreak butterfly for the last 2 years, possibly due to the knapweed, one of its favourite food-plants, having been strimmed to extinction along the path. Fortunately, the Knapweed is now getting a foothold on the filter beds, so we hope this species will be seen again next year.

One unusual sighting is of an Orchid, location being kept secret; we think that this is the first seen in our area for a long time.

Seat on filter beds path: After having moved this bench from the top of the slope to just off the path, as noted in the last issue, we have had a lot of very good feed-back, and the seat has had a lot of use. We are keeping close watch on both the benches and the information boards, and have a volunteer team standing by to keep them tidy and free from surrounding vegetation.

Litter: As noted in the last issue we carried out successful litter picks along the paths from the Rising Sun to Joey-the-Swan. Unfortunately, there are too many people, who use our paths, who insist on dropping their used bottles, bags, and packaging all over our lovely area.

We are setting up a regular litter picking team to try to make our paths even nicer to use, but we would urge everyone who uses the paths to PLEASE take their litter home, or deposit in a recognised litter bin.

Pond Clearance: A major project which we have started is to reconstitute the pond in Rookery Bank Covert. Over the years, this pond has gradually silted up, the inlet and outlet pipes have become blocked, and the pond overgrown by pond-side vegetation, to the extent that there is very little wildlife potential.

Our team of volunteers has cleared a lot of the overgrowing vegetation to let more light in, using the cut branches, and soil from the pond, to build a bund around the pond. We are in the process of digging out the silt, and clearing the inlet and outlet pipes, prior to planting the area with native pond plants. Hopefully, in the near future this pond will once again be home to frogs, toads, newts and dragonflies.

Tree planting: Later this year we hope to have enough young trees to continue our planting project, which will include plantings along the new Greenway in the vicinity of the Rising Sun. Several local inhabitants have asked for a planting scheme in this area, and we are happy to oblige them.

We have applied for a pack of trees from the Woodland Trust, and are awaiting their reply.

As stated earlier, things are looking good for the Group, but we can always find room for more volunteers. If you would like to join us, or just help on a specific project, please contact us.

John M Wood
Chairman





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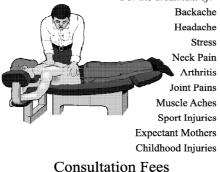
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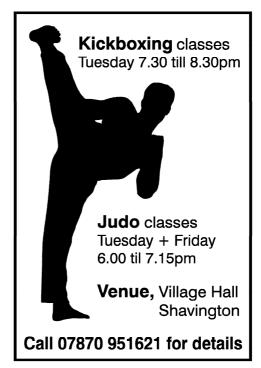
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Wistaston Church Lane Primary School

We are at the end of a busy summer term at Wistaston Church Lane.

Our Year Six pupils have enjoyed many exciting events during their final term. Grow A Pound Week involved the children forming businesses which aimed to grow a pound into much more. A wide variety of businesses were formed including cake making, toy making and games. In the end over £900 was raised. This money was used to pay for a leavers' treat to the bowling alley and they also chose to use the money to buy a new laptop for the school hall, a netball trophy and a badge making machine. They have also enjoyed Careers Week where parents and visitors came in to school to talk about their jobs. Their leavers' events included a prom at Wychwood Park, a disco and a Presentation Evening.

Our annual Summer Fair was a roaring success with lots of money raised for the school. Thank you to The Friends of the School for their hard work.

Green Week aims to raise awareness of environmental issues like saving energy, reducing litter, saving water and recycling. All children took part in a range of activities during the week.

Three teachers travelled to our partner school, Mang'ula A in Tanzania in May. They worked with the children and teachers in the school, learning more about the education system and life in Tanzania. Two teachers from the school visited Church Lane in June where they worked with the children and they also built an African Hut so that our children can learn about life in Africa.

The fifth Wistonia University and College took place recently. The younger children take part in Wistonia college where they try three practical activities over three weeks, including team building, yoga, cake decorating and science. Children in the Juniors take part in Wistonia University. They attend a course for

three weeks in which they will learn something 'unusual' which will help them prepare for working later in life. Courses included debating (run by pupils from Shavington High School), musical theatre, computer game design and cookery. Sainsbury's ran our Supermarket Sweep course where the children found out about working in a supermarket, even visiting the Nantwich store in the third week. The children on the brick laying course travelled to Reaseheath College and a group worked at Nantwich Library each week. There were other visits to Delamere Forest and the Farmhouse Inn. As well as Malbank High School students assisting with Wistonia, this year Shavington High School ran five courses, including learning about being an astronaut, woodwork and samba drumming.

The School Council organised our first Grandparents' Tea Party where grandparents of children in Year Five and Six were invited to watch our choir and orchestra, see work from the children and explore the school. Refreshments were provided too.

Our school football team played well in the Timperley Shield competition, but one of their highlights of the year was beating the teachers 5-4 in a thrilling match. Our Year Two and Three players won the Sharing Network Trophy, winning all of their games in the tournament. The Year Six Netball team beat the teachers in their last game of the season. Cholmondeley won the first ever house netball championship. Our sports day was a roaring success with Peckforton winning the tournament for the first time in six years. Our Town Sports team won the field and track events in the Crewe and Nantwich competition.

Visits have taken place to Milldale Scout Camp, Primary College, Catalyst Science Discovery Centre, Chester Zoo, Knowsley Safari Park and the Blue Planet in Ellesmere Port.

Report from Wells Green

September can be a time of new beginnings – a new school term, or starting university, and so on. In the Methodist Church too it marks the start of a new year and often a time when ministers move to a new appointment, which helps if they have children in school.

This will in fact be my last letter to you as I retire this summer. It will seem very odd after a busy life and a full diary, although everyone tells me I won't know how I found the time to work. It has also made me reflect on how we define ourselves.

Often when you meet someone you ask – And what do you do? Saying you're a Methodist Minister, can be anything from a conversation stopper, to a really interesting discussion. Even in retirement you don't stop being a minister, although not in an active

appointment. So who am I now? How will my relationships change? How do I continue to serve God? –It will be a new beginning, with new discoveries to make. Sometimes we all need to stop and think who we are, and what's important in life, and reevaluate what we are doing.

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On 1st September I will be followed by a new minister Rev Steve Ingrouille, who is looking forward to coming to Wells Green. He can be contacted on the same number, but I am sure he will bring some new ideas, alongside all the current activities and services at the Church. You are always welcome.

Best wishes,

Rev Jenny Arthurs

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