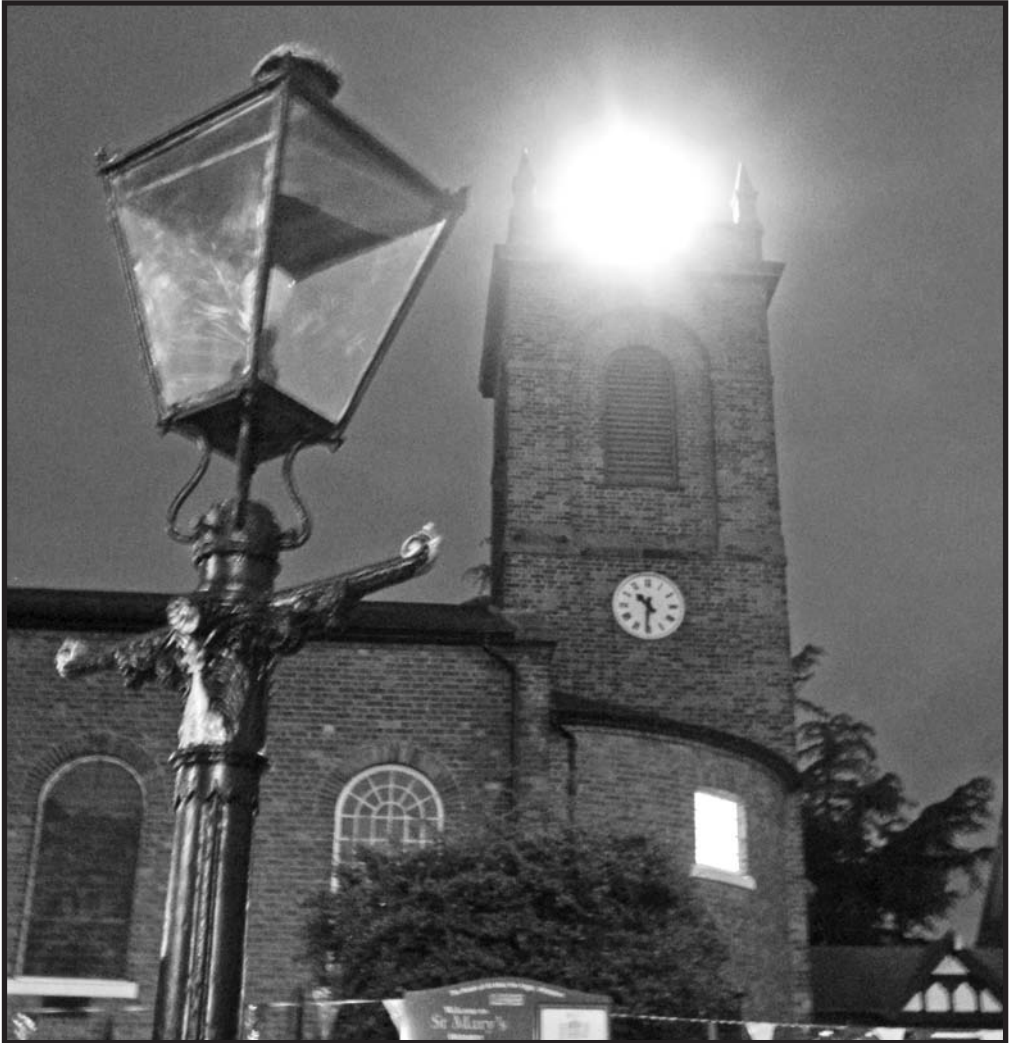


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## Editorial

With very many thanks for all the continued splendid support you give to Roundabout for without your contributions and advertisements it could not exist! Please continue to send in your articles for our Winter edition – due out in early December – by 15 October 2012.

With very many thanks to our printers since Roundabout began – Ian Graham, at Rigbys, which sadly has now closed, with his team Barbara and Tom who have kept Roundabout going and helped us all to make sure Roundabout appeared. With our very best wishes to you all in your new life. We are, therefore, very pleased to have been helped here by Delmar Press and this edition is from their team to whom we are very much indebted.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2012

Saturday 18 August	Flower and Produce Show
Saturday 1 September	Duck Race
Thursday 18 October	Jubilee Proms Concert with Crewe Concert Band
Tuesday 23 October	Annual Memorial Hall Quiz
Saturday 3 November	Fireworks Display
Sunday 11 November	Remembrance Service at 3pm – Memorial Hall
Friday 14 December	Christmas Concert

The Wistaston Community Council organises village events with some of these being run for charity. The Summer Fete, held in June, is organised in conjunction and with the kind support of St Mary's Church and is the biggest fund raising event of the year. The Wistaston Community Council is 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. This year however for only the second time in its thirty-two year history the Fete had to be held indoors because of the rain and the crowning of the Rose Queen, Daisy Wybrow, took place in St Mary's Church where the Fete was opened by Helen Jones, deputising for her mother, our Wistonian of the Year, Sheena Sambrook.

With the proceeds of our fund raising events the Community Council aim to help individuals or groups where a small donation would help with their local efforts. If you think we can help and you would like to know more send your details to the Secretary of the Community Council, 54 Sandylands Park, Tel: 01270 664467. The Community Council's other events are the Flower and Produce Show, Fireworks Display the December Christmas Concert and the Spring Concert.

We look forward to the many events ahead making the remainder of 2012 look very busy and exciting especially when the events organised by the Memorial Hall are added, beginning with the:

**Duck Race on Saturday 1 September** at Joey the Swan. Stalls from 1.30; Children's Model Boat Race 2.30; Duck Race 3.30. Great excitement and prizes for the Model Boat Race and Duck Race.

**Thursday 18 October – Jubilee Proms Concert** with the Crewe Concert Band

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**Annual Memorial Hall Quiz – Tuesday 23 October** – a very exciting evening.

## The Laurie Twiss Trophy for Journalism – 2012

We have had a wonderful Summer, of events, not weather, and I think everyone must have been busy firstly with the Jubilee celebrations and then swept up with Olympic euphoria because we haven't received any entries for the Laurie Twiss Award. Next year I don't think there should be any excuse and we are bringing the closing date forward to the 15 May – well before the excitement of end of term events so get ready to start writing - a story or an article in not more than 200 words that could be printed in Winter 2013 Roundabout.

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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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I would like to thank all who attended to make it such an enjoyable evening and for supporting such a worthy cause.

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## NATURE ARTICLE for Roundabout, Issue 127

Our first offering is a collection of lovely photographs of a sparrowhawk snaffling avian prey in the garden of Dr. Brian Roe (Abbeyfields) on 30 March.

Normally it is the black-headed gulls that congregate in winter and visit gardens for scraps, but 3 May brought a great black-backed gull in to us, an unusual occurrence. It is the largest British gull at a length of 27", weighty and with a formidable hooked beak. Its pink legs are a good guide to distinguishing the adult bird from the adult 'lesser' black-back whose legs are yellowish. We find a useful mnemonic is to think of the 'lesser yellowlegs': although not a British bird it helps to associate 'lesser' with 'yellow'.

On 8 May Derek Owen was fortunate in seeing a pair of goosanders in the brook where the two streams meet at the bottom of Marshfield Bank. It sounds like a similar place to where the vole was spotted and a draw to wildlife. Derek has also had a young great spotted woodpecker in his garden in Windermere Road.

23 May brought a rare sighting of four house martins round the eaves of the back of a residence in the entrance road of Sandylands Park. They spent some time alternately circling and hitting the eaves, but there has been no sign of nesting. Presumably, therefore, they were after insects: they feed almost entirely while flying and scarcely touch the ground.

The first two weeks of June were a real treat for us when a pair of great spotted woodpeckers introduced two chicks to our fat-block on the front-garden tree. They arrived every day; to begin with the adults prising chunks off the block to push down the chicks' throats, then eventually

visiting less often and leaving the chicks to feed themselves. The fierce 'tick' note became a sure indicator of the birds' presence. We very quickly learnt the difference between young and adult birds. Whereas adults have a crimson nape and underbelly, chicks have a crimson crown and pale pink belly. Our fat attracts more birds in the early summer than in winter, perhaps because parent birds are desperate for an easy source of energy-rich food for growing youngsters. The chicks of all the birds we've seen are paler than their parents: the tits more ashy blue, with yellowish tinge; smooth 'unspottedness' of starlings; speckled colourless breast of robins, and striated breast of greenfinches hardly green at all. We note also the short tail of the immature magpie.

To conclude with mammals, Joyce Rawlings sighted an adult fox at 4.30 a.m. on 13 June, trotting sedately along the pavement in Park Drive, towards Church Lane. At 9.15 p.m. on 20 June Joyce spent fifteen minutes watching three cubs playing in the wild area near the stream at the bottom of her garden in Park Drive. Joyce also mentions a blackbird with white markings passing on white characteristics to its offspring. On 7 Jul at 9.25 a.m. Kath and Ken Jinks of Clare Drive were visited by a young fox noseing around in the front garden for five minutes, sitting in the hedge then trotting off up the road. The same week they had baby hedgehogs and a boar hedgehog in the back garden at night.

Our thanks to all contributors.

*Trevor and Hilary Clower*

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# WISTASTON GREEN TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Our May meeting always celebrates the Guild's birthday, this year being the 57th and once again we welcomed Robert Wheatley as our speaker, certainly one of our favourites. Robert, born and bred in Crewe, has not turned his back on his roots but positively embraces his childhood experiences to add to the humour of his talks. From a large family he is sensitive to the lives of people rather than their status and although his topic of the Kennedy family from Ulverston, Cumbria, was the rise of this wealthy family it also included its fall. Robert immersed himself into the social life of this interesting family, who became wealthy through mining and eventual marriage to a wealthy merchant's daughter. His descriptive narrative sparked the imagination as he guided us through the good years and finally to the point where the use of the house has now morphed into residential apartments. Although Myles and Margaret Kennedy had sixteen children Robert found their grave unattended with little evidence of their former importance in the area. He became so involved through his research that he even tidied up the grave and places flowers on a regular basis to honour a family who did so much for their community and now appears to be forgotten. We all felt we also knew them personally and lived the highs and lows with Robert.

Sadly Robert does not live locally now so we cannot recommend him to other groups but if you do have the opportunity to hear him speak at any time, do go along, he will not disappoint. Whilst waiting to speak he noticed that the cake on the table was decorated in the same colours as the tie he was wearing – mauve and green – the Guild's logo, what a coincidence. The birthday celebration cake was made and decorated by our Treasurer, Jean Stubbs, and donated by our President Doreen Holmes.

There is always an outing to celebrate the birthday, and this year was to Brownsholme Hall in Bowland. Sadly, the weather was not kind to us and the Clitheroe stop was abandoned but then straight on to our lunch venue, The Calf's Head in Worston where we had a superb meal. Brownsholme Hall is still occupied by the family and filled with many genuine antiques, in fact a living history. It was hard to believe that many of the fine pieces were in regular use and only the very large television and sound system which did look somewhat out of place, confirmed that fact. It was a full and interesting day.

At our June meeting, Mrs Snelson, enlightened us on the work of the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf describing the difficulties of this invisible disability. The incapacity to hear, for those who are profoundly deaf, often leads to loneliness and isolation, being unable to communicate with the masses can often lead to discrimination because people think that they are rude and unfriendly. However having a dog has transformed the lives of many people. The dog is noticed, in its working jacket, and advertises the fact that their owners are deaf and the change in behaviour is radical; people

become more understanding of the condition. We were given many examples of how the dogs are trained to hear the difference between the phone, smoke and fire alarms and how they alert their owners in the different circumstances. We heard of one dog that even alerted its owner to a fire in the house next door due to its persistence in urging its owner to take notice. Dogs are more often than not taken from rescue centres in all shapes and sizes and, like guide dogs, are matched to their owner's specific requirements. Sometimes people have allergies and need to be found, say, a dog that does not moult.

Next time someone does not respond to you just think a moment, could they be deaf and have not heard you? Don't be impatient it could make all the difference to that person's life.

By way of a surprise at the end of the meeting we were all treated to some superb cake and a celebratory drink to toast the Queen on her Diamond Jubilee. Once again we congratulate Jean on her bakery skills and thank her for providing us with such a treat.

For members of the Townswomen's Guild the main event of the year is the AGM giving an opportunity to meet other members from all over the UK. For the fourth time, this year, it was held at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham being such a good venue with excellent facilities. This year the theme was a celebration of the Diamond Jubilee and delegates were requested to wear red, white and blue and preferably a hat. Imagination had run riot and the centre was filled with colour and the quality of some of the hats, more often than not, created by their wearers was extremely impressive. Needless to say the National Chairman was overwhelmed by the response to the call and from the stage congratulated everyone on the efforts they had made.

Following a Civic welcome, there was a full role call of all the Federations, in the region of 60, all holding aloft their banners they paraded through the auditorium to loud cheers from their respective Guilds. The Treasurer's address included an appeal for all members to recruit wherever possible to keep alive this historic Guild. Today, people's lives have changed along with their expectations but if you would like a real friend instead of a virtual one, then the Guild is the place to meet one. Attending National events such as this gives members an opportunity to meet other like-minded ladies and listen to their experiences and possibly learn something new to take back to their local Guild.

Turning to the main business, the first mandate proposal was – "Townswomen's Guild is appalled that so much adequate housing is being put to waste, either through houses being kept empty and boarded up or through the demolition of habitable properties, and urges the Government to take action to make these properties available to help tackle the current housing crisis." A full debate ensued and the motion was carried by a huge majority. The second mandate was not

debated, being – “The Townswomen’s Guild urges the Government to ensure that money sent overseas for a specific purpose, such as international development or disaster relief, is spent only on projects connected to the cause for which funds were sent.” This motion was also carried by a large majority.

There were two key speakers, Esther Ranzten and Eric Knowles. Esther had recently promoted a help line similar to her creation of Childline. After down-sizing it had brought home to her the feeling that possibly thousands experience when they live alone that of solitude. The new help line, called Silver Line, aims at combating loneliness and she gave many examples of how people find themselves isolated and how she aims to highlight their plight and hopefully give them an opportunity to climb out of this desperate situation. Esther was nominated Vice President of the Townswomen’s Guild for this year which she proudly accepted.

The afternoon speaker was the well-known face of the Antiques Roadshow, Eric Knowles. Eric introduced himself with humour and quoted several embarrassing occasions when he was mistakenly identified as a gardening personality and even someone’s gynaecologist!! He described how he had entered into the world of antiques with his first purchase of a cup and saucer which cost a week’s wage. He has had a truly fascinating career and everyone enjoyed his talk.

Following Eric were speakers on other relevant and interesting topics such as the plight of carers in our society and the crusade to offer them with some respite from their onerous duties. Carers come in all guises, the most surprising to most of us is that children even fulfil this role possibly in homes where there may be a drug addict but they also could be in a home where there is a lone disabled person. How can this be in our so called civilised society? - food for thought indeed.

Another interesting topic is the closure of our local post offices. The Government seems to think it is all right for these services to be provided in a variety of establishments such as the supermarket, local garage or even public houses in some villages. Not all these outlets give the service of a local post office and there is no privacy for certain transactions. If you come across an unsuitable venue contact your local MP to complain.

Finally, we were entertained by a trio call Kaleidoscope who played a medley of well-known songs and a selection from Last Night of the Proms to which there was waving of banners, flags and hearty singing. All in all a superb day and one to which all members should endeavour to attend if at all possible.

**Our meetings take place at 7.30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at St Mark’s Church Hall, Bramhall Road, Wistaston Green, Crewe, if you come along you will be made most welcome.**

Joan Davenport of Wistaston sent in her inspired Rainbow poem

## *The Rainbow*

*This morning all was grey, grey street  
Stretched up to meet grey sky  
And rain came down, while speeding cars  
Driven through puddles, splashed the passers-by;  
While on the river barges grey and black,  
Drifted, or swung at anchor, in the rain,  
And grey and patient people trudged along  
Depressed and weary, to their work again.  
But suddenly across the sky there grew  
A rainbow; faint at first, becoming bright,  
Long lines of colour arched against the sky;  
People glanced up and marvelled at the sight,  
And all at once the dismal street became  
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Onward and upward, till at last they came  
To find the pot of gold at rainbow’s ending.*

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All the front gardens have been judged and the results for 2012 are:

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- |     |                  |                     |
|-----|------------------|---------------------|
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| 2nd | Mrs B Clayton    | 8 Sandringham Drive |
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- |     |                     |                  |
|-----|---------------------|------------------|
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- |     |                    |                             |
|-----|--------------------|-----------------------------|
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# WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## 1. DIAMOND JUBILEE

The village celebrations were reported to be a great success and events of the beacon lighting, school sports / picnic fun day and jubilee concert were well supported. Two features to commemorate the event initiated by your Parish Council were:-

**Rose Garden** - Working close with the Rising Sun team of helpers a corner plot garden was created and planted with 60 Queen Elizabeth roses. This was complimented with seating, arch and signage from the Rising Sun. An opening ceremony was conducted by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire. Our thanks are expressed to all who helped.

**Seats** - A commemorative seat was installed opposite the Memorial Hall and an identical seat is awaiting location preparation.

## 2. LOCAL CRIME

Statistics are routinely reported to your Council meetings and I'm pleased to report the very low levels of all classes of crime continue. One incident to note is damage to private vehicles parked on roadways. Residents should be tentative of this and if aware of any incidents report to the Police on 101.

## 3. DEVOLVEMENT OF SERVICES (ALLOTMENTS)

Numerous discussions have been held with Cheshire East as previously reported, since June 2011. Some progress was made on our list of concerns but to date other points remain unsolved. The Parish Council has therefore tabled to Cheshire East we do not support the transferred responsibility to Wistaston Parish Council. Principal objections are:-

- Site is generally in a poor state of repair i.e. fences, hedges, trees and pathways.
- No parking is permitted to plot holders
- Poorly defined plots / size / identities.
- A proposed lease which is onerous, potentially expensive to meet the conditions and includes too many unknown risks.

## 4. HOUSING LAND

Cheshire East Council has publicised its draft policy approach to supply deliverable housing. Planning applications will be considered within this plan. Wistaston could be affected within this policy for major residential housing development. Residents may be interested and can obtain further information from the Cheshire East Website [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan)

## 5. COUNCIL VACANCIES

We currently have 4 vacant seats, 1 in St. Mary's Ward and 3 in Wistaston Green Ward. Interested residents should first contact our Clerk with a short résumé and application letter for the Council's consideration.

## 6. HIGHWAYS

Many concerns are expressed by residents on the poor state of road edge weeds, cleaning blocked gulleys, overgrown public pathways and potholes. Representations have been made to Cheshire East and followed up on a regular basis, however, it would be helpful to our efforts if residents could also raise their concerns directly with Cheshire East Highways on tel. no. 0300 123 5020.

## 7. COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Thursday 18th October, Thursday 15th November 2012 and Thursday 20th December 2012 commencing at 7.30 pm in the Dudley Room at Wistaston Memorial Hall.

*Clr. J. Moore*  
CHAIRMAN

## Councillor Contact Details:-

### ST. MARY'S WARD (1 VACANCY)

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101 Church Lane, Wistaston, CW2 8ER	568823
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Graham Roberts	
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### WISTASTON GREEN WARD (3 VACANCIES)

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# New Life Community Church

## Roundabout Magazine Article Autumn 2012

Of all the amazing stories to come out of the Olympics this year the one that caught my attention was that of Peter Wilson, the clay pigeon shooter. Following a snowboarding accident he was forced to turn his back on his first loves of rugby and cricket but as shooting added to the recuperation of his shoulder injury he turned to this new sport. Six years later he was standing on the winner's podium at the London Olympic Games with a gold medal around his neck.

His original injury was described as 'a happy accident' where the circumstances of life steered him on a new course that brought him great success. Sometimes we think that life's ultimate aim is to be 'happy' and therefore despise those times of difficult circumstances. History proves, however, that painful events can be a platform to experience a new direction in life. Adversity often gives us the opportunity to

discover our abilities. As Henry Longfellow said "the lowest ebb is the turn of the tide".

Christians believe that God is able to bring good out of bad situations and are encouraged by a verse in the Bible which says 'we know that all that happens to us is working for our good' (Romans chapter 8 verse 28 The Living Bible). That gives us confidence for whatever lies ahead and makes life worth celebrating.

If you have anything worth celebrating you might like to think about hiring one of our halls to enjoy your event with your friends. See the advert on this page for details.

*Rev Andy Taylor*

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## Fundraising bicycle ride along the Trans Pennine Trail

On Sunday 15th July Howard Barker and his son Ben Barker (aged 15) completed cycling the 190 mile long Trans Pennine Trail - [www.transpenninetrail.org.uk](http://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk) - from Liverpool to Hornsea. They completed the route in four days and started on the Thursday at the Liver Building on Liverpool's waterfront before heading across to the east coast.

Howard and Ben (who recently completed his GCSE's at Malbank School) are raising money to replace lead stolen earlier this year from the roof of St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Wistaston. A significant amount of lead was stolen and after claiming the insurance the cost of the repairs still amounts to approximately £15,000. To ensure the church is weatherproof for weddings, baptisms, funerals and church services urgent and expensive work is required. If you would like to make a donation, please send cheques payable to "St Mary's Church, Wistaston" to St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Wistaston, Crewe CW2 8HA.

Howard said, "It was a real adventure, good fun but challenging. Ben's music playing loudly as we cycled surprised the other people on the trail". Ben said, "It was an amazing experience that I will never forget, but it was extremely hard because we have never done anything like that before".

They found the route very hard work and in places the paths were impassable due to flooding with some paths more like streams. It rained particularly heavily as they went over the top of the Trail's highest point at Woodhead Pass. They also had mechanical problems such as brakes not working properly and a slow puncture. They had a great adventure but don't intend to go near a bicycle for some time!





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# Wistaston Village Cricket Club *(Founded 1980)*

By the time the residents of our village read my latest editorial the 2012 campaign would have all but been completed. At the time of producing my latest tome (early July,) the First XI have had a very successful, productive season and at the half-way point in their campaign are leading the table in The Cheshire Alliance Division 1, while our Seconds who are competing in The Cheshire Alliance Division 3 are third from bottom, however it should be mentioned that they have had more matches abandoned than any of their opponents.

## Top four placings as at 7th July 2012

### Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	Ab'd	NR	Pts
Wistaston	12	6	1	1	4	0	183
Trinity	12	5	2	1	4	0	178
Sandbach	12	3	4	2	3	0	156
Haslington	12	4	0	3	5	0	150

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 and Under 15's are currently 3rd in their respective leagues, while the Under 11's and 13's are enjoying a mixed season. 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 2011, at present they are fourth in their league.

	P	w	l	c	BatP	BowlP	Pen	Pts
Appleton CC, Cheshire - Junior Girls U13	4	3	1	0	16	16	0	49
Neston CC - Under 13	5	2	2	1	13	9	0	38
Bunbury CC - Girls Under 13	4	3	0	1	9	8	0	34
Wistaston Village CC - Girls Under 13	3	1	2	0	9	5	0	23
Alderley Edge CC - Girls Under 13	5	0	2	3	3	2	0	15
Stockport Georgians CC - Under 13 girls	3	0	2	1	7	2	0	15

'p' = Played 'w' = Won (5 points) 'l' = Lost (2 points) 'c' = Cancelled (2 points) 'batp' = Batting Bonus Points 'bowlp' = Bowling Bonus Points 'pen' = Penalty Points 'pts' = Total Points

Our 3rd XI (Sunday) which currently play in Division 4 West are currently holding third position with a playing record of Played 8 won 4 drawn 0 lost 3 cancelled 1.

## Top three placings as at 7th July 2012

	P	w	l	lcn	t	wcn	d	c	BatP	BowlP	Pen	Pts
Alvanley CC	9	5	2	0	0	1	0	1	4	6	0	167
Northwich CC	8	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	12	4	0	125
Wistaston Village CC	8	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	12	0	123

'p' = Played 'w' = Won (25 points) 'l' = Lost (0 points) 'lcn' = Team Conceded (-10 points) 't' = Tied (18 points) 'wcn' = Opposition Conceded (25 points) 'd' = Draw (2 points) 'c' = Cancelled (7 points) 'batp' = Batting Bonus Points 'bowlp' = Bowling Bonus Points 'pen' = Penalty Points 'pts' = Total Points

From a personal viewpoint, I can report that The Wombats XI have yet to be defeated during the current campaign (not surprising as all fixtures so far have been rained off) but our campaign hopefully will start on Sunday 15th July (fingers crossed).

We held our annual President's Day on Sunday 13th May at the Brittles which went well. The morning session for the juniors was well supported, and the afternoon session focused on the annual President's XI against a Chairman's XI 20/20 game in which Edward Timpson MP participated for the Chairman's XI. Prior to the game, Edward Timpson officially opened the bar/social area and his comments about the club, were very complimentary.

It is hoped also to arrange a game on August 26th 2012, with the Old Wistonian Eleven playing at the ground. This would be a good opportunity to utilise the bar and hold a B.B.Q.

Our end of season Presentation Evening is scheduled for Saturday

15th September, the venue being St Mary's Church Hall. Full details will be circulated nearer the time.


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 21st September 2012 at The Brittles.

We offer cricket to adults and junior of all standards and we are proud on being very much a child friendly club 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).

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Wistaston Young Drama Group One are pictured in rehearsals for their end of year production. The short play has been written by the children and facilitated by Hayley Lindley.

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The bag is a mid-blue colour, with British Automobile Racing Club, North West region on the side. It contained all my marshalling, rescue and recovery equipment, including a small tool holder, and tools, stop watch and whistle, recovery strop and karabiner, ear defenders, etc.

Also stolen was a Tilley hat, with Austrian badges round the hat, and a Komatsu socket set in a metal case.

The thief obviously checked what he had stolen, as I found several gloves, dumped in an alleyway just off Sandringham Drive.

If anyone has found any of these articles, or seen them, please get in touch with me on 661066.

John Wood

# Church Lane Primary School Report

One of the major talking points this term, of course, has been the Olympics. The school celebrated in many ways but two were particularly popular. In our Sports Week we ran an Olympic Day where the teachers invented their own Olympic events for the children to try. Sports like Frisbee throwing, three-legged races and basketball shooting gave us all lots of fun. The day began with its own opening ceremony with rhymes and banners all prepared by the children.

Also this term the school has been relaying its very own Wistaston Olympic Torch around the area. The Wistaston



Torch, created by Mrs Beale, has visited over 30 local landmarks. The children of the school were all asked to apply to become a torch bearer by writing a letter to explain how they have made a positive difference at home, at school and in the community. There were over 150 applications and 25 children were selected by a committee to visit landmarks around Crewe and Nantwich and the four Cheshire castles that our houses are named after. Each child visited at least three places and you can visit the website at [www.churchlaneolympictorch.primaryblogger.co.uk](http://www.churchlaneolympictorch.primaryblogger.co.uk) to view our photos. The torch has visited places such as Snugbury's, Crewe Lyceum Theatre, Municipal Buildings, St. Mary's Nantwich, Joey the Swan, Beeston Castle, Cholmondeley Castle, Crewe Alexandra FC, Shavington High School, Crewe Hall, Leighton Hospital, MMU Cheshire and many more.

The school choir enjoyed the opportunity of a life time when it was asked to perform at the Olympic Torch event at Tatton Park. Our choir has been first class this year with some wonderful singers! The choir, our orchestra and other pupils in the school contributed to a collection of music recorded onto CD which many people have purchased.

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, £52 was grown into £1000 – a record total! 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 flag pole for the school to display its recently awarded Green Flag. The flag was awarded for its environmental work.

Our annual Summer Fair was a roaring success with a record amount of money raised for the school. We are ever grateful to the Friends for their hard work in allowing us to offer lots of special treats for the school. They have agreed to fund some new playground markings which will be added in the Autumn Term.

The sixth 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 farming, candle making, musical theatre, team building and hair styling. Sainsbury's ran our mini-Sainsbury's 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. Children on the Cookery course visited The Farmhouse Inn to learn about running a restaurant. Shavington High School continue to build strong links with the school by running four courses at the school – electronics, astronaut training, samba drumming and sculpture workshop. Malbank High School students assist with Wistonia, and run a Performing Arts course at the school.

Visits have taken place to Primary College, Chester Zoo, Knowsley Safari Park and Llandudno.



# The Berkeley Primary School

Time flies and we have reached the end of another term which has helped us complete a very successful year at The Berkeley. We lose our Year 6 children today as they disappear off to secondary school and they will be very much missed. They have contributed in many ways this year and we were thrilled to see how well they did in their SATs this summer. In English our results were 93% Level 4 and 48% Level 5 and in Mathematics they scored 96% Level 4 and 63% Level 5. Well done to Year 6 for all their hard work!

Year 2 children also achieved excellent results which are very much higher than national averages. Foundation Stage children made excellent progress against their baseline assessments and this is a credit to the efforts made by the children and the hard work of their teachers.

Well done to the School Council who have achieved a great deal this year not only in raising money for charity but also during the term in giving feedback about how children feel about all sorts of issues and supporting their fellow pupils.

Thank you to Friends of Berkeley for all the work this term. The Jubilee summer fair was a great success despite the rainy weather. The fair-trade coffee afternoon was also much appreciated. The school disco was enjoyed by all particularly our Year 6 guests of honour and the mystery DJ did a great job.

It was a treat to have our Kenyan visitors, Peter and Caroline, from Muturakwa Primary in school this term and the children bombarded them with questions. Thank you to the parents and children who took them home to tea and welcomed them into their families. The trip to London was a real highlight but they also enjoyed their visit to Beeston and walks around Nantwich. The children were really curious and hospitable and learned a great deal about our partner school. We look forward to hearing from Miss Slater and Mrs Thomasson when they return from Kenya.

Years 3 and 4 had some fantastic adventures on their residential trip to Beeston. We all enjoyed the photos of them exploring the area, investigating the castle, completing some challenging walks and building some incredible dens. They returned to school exhausted but exhilarated by their experiences.

The children have made huge contributions to our Enterprise week this term. This is aimed at allowing children to learn more about managing money and running a business. We all enjoyed the delicious new flavour of ice cream developed by the children as part of the Snugbury's project. A great deal of effort was put into the creation of new burgers and sausages for Cheerbrook's. There were also some fantastic new cupcake designs completed for Chatwin's and it was great to read in the Crewe Chronicle that these were on sale

in the Nantwich and Crewe branches. Well done to the amazing entrepreneurs of The Berkeley!

Everyone attended our Berkeley's Best assembly at the end of last week when there were a large number of certificates to be awarded. Many children received a huge round of applause for obtaining a Perfect Attendance certificate due to being in school every single day of the school year. Other children received applause and praise as well as a certificate to acknowledge that they had managed to Stay Green on our Good to be Green behaviour scheme for an entire year! These are fantastic achievements!!

Thank you to Years 5 and 6 for sharing their wonderful end of year production with us. They all contributed and the audience enjoyed every moment. The singing and acting were brilliant and the whole production was very professional. It was good to see them relax and have fun after all their efforts with the tests.

Mrs J Stainsby-Cope

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## "Ministers musings"

We're now entering the time of year where the nights are closing in, temperatures are falling and winter is just around the corner. Autumn is well-truly upon us. I wonder how you feel about this season? It seems to polarise those around me – my mother loves it, my father hates it! My wife likes the cooler days, I prefer the hot summer months. It seems to me that how we view Autumn is very much a matter of perspective:

Some people bemoan the leaves on the ground and the muddy slush underfoot, while others revel in the beauty of Autumn colours on the trees.

Some people bemoan the rise in heating bills and inability to travel as they wish, while others live in joyful anticipation of a covering of snow and the landscapes it creates.

Some people bemoan the drawing in of the nights and the prolonged hours of darkness, while others look forward to cosy evenings in front of the fire.

How we view things – the perspective that we take – makes a huge difference to how we think and feel. How we think and feel about events, about others, and even about ourselves.

Many people whom I know have major struggles with self-worth and self-esteem. When they look at themselves they see someone who is unlovely and unlovable. But when we look at ourselves from God's perspective, looking through His eyes, we find that we are loved unconditionally and completely. If you have a bible, try reading John 3:16 replacing the phrase "for God so loved the world" with "for God so loved ME" – and see how your perspective can change!

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# Jonathan White gives a superb report on the Village Fete despite the weather!

For only the second time in its thirty-two year history the Fete, which is organised by the Wistaston Community Council, was forced to take place mainly indoors due to rain. The event, which had the Queen's Diamond Jubilee as its theme took place on Saturday 16 June within St Mary's Church and inside and in front of the Church Hall.

The Fete began with a procession along Church Lane from the Memorial Hall led by bagpiper Reg Flower, followed by the 35th South West Cheshire Scout group; last year's Rose Queen, Sophie Webb, followed in a vintage car with this year's Rose Queen, Daisy Wybrow and her Attendant, Emma Bishop, in a sports car. Once the procession had reached St Mary's Church, the Fete was officially opened by Helen Jones, the daughter of Wistonian of the Year, Sheena Sambrook and the Rose Queen was then crowned by the Reverend Mike Turnbull.

In the Church there were performances by bagpiper Reg Flower and the Dee Sign Choir. There was also a Jubilee flower festival in the Church featuring flower arrangements and displays produced by Di Carter, Jenny Shirt and many others.

In the Church Hall there were performances by Zumba fitness, a Rhythmic Display from the Cheshire Academy of Integrated Sports and Arts, Miss Caroline's Street Dancing and Chris White on his ukulele.

There were over twenty-five stalls representing local organisations and charities within the Church Hall and also on the grassy area in front. Refreshments were served in the hall and the Deputy Mayor of Cheshire East Council, Councillor Dorothy Flude was shown around the Fete by Dane Chaplow and Geoff Armitage from the Wistaston Community Council.

Dane Chaplow, Chairman, said that despite the weather and the last minute changes there was an excellent turnout to support the Fete and he stressed that once again the Reverend Mike Turnbull and St Mary's had been very supportive.



**Bagpiper Reg Flower**

**Olympic Torch - I-r - Vicky Prez and Omar Haddad - Cheshire Academy of Integrated Sports and Arts, Macon Way. Special Olympian Omar Haddad was recently part of the Olympic Torch Relay carrying the flame through Haverfordwest in south Wales.**



**Rose Queen - I-r - Emma Bishop - Daisy Wybrow - Rev Mike Turnbull - Sophie Webb. The crowning ceremony.**



**Wistaston Conservation Group - I-r - Roy Tomkinson - David O'Hara - Councillor Dorothy Flude - Dane Chaplow. Roy Tomkinson (member) - David O'Hara (project manager),**



**Wistaston Painters - art tutor Stuart Watkinson draws the Queen**

# David Thomas sent the following superb article in to Roundabout: **On becoming a signalman**

I have always had a keen interest in railways and have visited the Crewe Heritage Centre since its opening. On one occasion our family found ourselves in a newly erected signal box. It turned out to be a box that used to control the busy junction at Exeter St David's station on the Great Western railway's classic route to the West Country. The gentleman in charge soon had our family pulling levers and working the block instruments, each of which has a distinctive bell tone. He explained that the members of the 'Exeter West Group' came from all over the country to demonstrate the workings of the box over the Summer, while in the Winter new members are trained to operate the box. My wife immediately said "You should do that, the exercise would do you good!" How right she was, the physical effort in pulling up to ten levers in quick succession is considerable, while working out the sequences and memorising them took a long time to master.

Exeter West Box is the largest traditional signal box in preservation having 131 levers, 6 block instruments, (for communicating with other signal boxes up and down the line) and a track diagram which lights up to show the position of trains. We reproduce timetables of the 1960's when steam was giving way to diesel and demonstrate such trains as the 'Cornish Riviera Express' and the 'Atlantic Coast Express' passing through Exeter in real time.

As the 'local member' I am often called on at short notice to host visiting groups; Indian railway engineers, a group from Bentley Motors and primary schools, who get a tour of the Heritage Centre, train rides and a visit to our three signal boxes.

During the Crewe and Nantwich by-election I received a call asking me to open the box as a TV film crew were arriving. It turned out that the late Gwyneth Dunwoody had also been an MP in Exeter. The producer had picked up on the fact that our signal box had also resided in Exeter, and wanted to transmit 'The Politics Show' live from the box. It soon became apparent that the inside of the box had no real interest, except when he was putting the Tory point of view I had to pull a blue lever, and for the Labour angle, a red one!

Exeter West Box can be seen overlooking Tesco Stores car park. I can strongly recommend a visit to the Heritage Centre, including a visit to Exeter West Box, where you will be made welcome. If anyone is interested, a 'taster session' can be arranged for a small donation to the Exeter West Group. School visits are welcome also. For further information contact David Thomas on 07847 437 272 or by email [dandstomas@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dandstomas@hotmail.co.uk)

# Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, Crewe, Nantwich, Sandbach and Alsager areas.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 2pm in Wells Green Methodist Church Hall. We charge £1 entrance fee which includes tea and biscuits and our speakers are asked to make their presentations light-hearted whilst most



are illustrated with slides, artefacts, sound effects, music etc. Our programme is varied and in March Peter Kirk's talk was entitled 'Birds of

the Countryside and Gardens' which included details of migrant birds we might find, how to feed and keep them properly until they depart again.

**In April** - Mrs Sue Church gave us the History of the Church family of Church's Mansion in Nantwich.

**In May** - Jonathan Baddelay and his wife Pam sang and played music from the 60's, 70's, 80's and later. Jonathan is a member of the Ukelele Society and played several other instruments and the group enjoyed joining in the singing.

**Jubilee - On the 5 June** our speaker was Chris Hughes whose talk was appropriately entitled 'My Life with Egg on my Face'. He gave us details about the Quiz programme 'Eggheads' and his companions on the programme also about his own life and work with the Railways, including the Railway Museums at York and Crewe. Instead of tea and biscuits we had a Jubilee cake appropriately decorated (see photos) and as our meeting was held in the Church Hall we had non-alcoholic Shloer and other drinks with tea later. Although we are only a small group there were 37 members including visitors at this meeting. Several people were glad to have a rest from television and instead enjoy celebrating with friends and listening to Chris.



In July we were laughing most of the meeting with Ray Cowdall who despite a sore throat gave us an insight into his amateur dramatics with the Crewe and Nantwich Society and also Nantwich Players. His talk was appropriately entitled 'A Funny thing happened on the way to the Theatre'.

## Our forthcoming programme

4 September 2012: Mr Michael Murphy 'The Big Shop' Talk about the history of Harrods, Fortnum and Mason, Selfridges etc. Illustrated.

2 October 2012 Dr Graham Dodd ' Nantwich in Tudor Times' Power Point presentation.

6 November: Dr Ray Buss. Talk on Western Australia. Power Point presentation.

4 December Christmas Party

Ex Civil Servants and partners and visitors are also welcome. Do come and join us – we are a very friendly group.

*The photos show the Jubilee Cake, whilst the Group photo from left shows Margaret Flory, Assistant Chairperson; Betty Chudd, our oldest and regular member; Chris Hughes, Eggheads, and Grace Harding, Chairperson.*

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## Report from Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club

The season of Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club is in full swing as this article is being written with competitions taking place within the club leading up to finals day in September.

Certain Club members, for the past few years have had a project to raise funds for worthwhile charities and this year was no exception. It took the form of a Coast-to-Coast Cycle ride and followed a route from Workington on the West Coast to Sunderland on the East Coast covering in total 168 miles.

The four members Ben Reinhardt, Tony Mason, Chris Raiswell and Terry O'Connor completed this event in three days and while some areas were relatively flat they encountered some more arduous territory along the way. The last leg of the journey included a section through the North Shields Cycle tunnel. The team thoroughly enjoyed this amazing challenge at the same time raising a momentous amount of money for their chosen charities: Ben's, Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research and Tony, Chris and Terry towards Marie Curie Cancer Care.

This was a tremendous effort of dedication and stamina and congratulations were extended to the four intrepid cyclists.

Information regarding Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club can be obtained by phoning Mr Bill Heath -01270 560471

Alice Chalwin

In addition to Alice's commentary and photo Jonathan White gives us further information on the journey and a photo before the cyclists set out.

Ben, Tony, Terry and Chris began their ride on 18th June 2012 when they cycled a relatively flat ride from Workington to Penrith (55 miles) via Cockermouth and Keswick. The second day took them via some long climbs from Penrith to Sunderland (80 miles). On the third day they cycled an extra leg from Sunderland



to Newcastle-upon-Tyne (33 miles), which included a section through the North Shields cycle tunnel. They then all took the train back to Crewe.

Ben is raising money for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research (<http://leukaemialymphomaresearch.org.uk/>) and he explained that in 2007 his good friends Mike and Liz Boffey lost their son Will to Acute Myeloid Leukaemia. Will was a fine athlete playing football from age 9 in the local Lads and Dads league and then studied at Nottingham Trent University and spent his placement in Bentley Motors 2004-5. However in September 2005 he contracted Leukaemia and Ben is riding for the charity in Will's memory.

Tony, Chris and Terry are raising money for Marie Curie Cancer Care (<http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/>). Tony said that the rides were challenging in places but they were rewarded with some stunning scenery and he thanked everyone who had so generously donated to their nominated charities, which will benefit so many people. He explained further that he was riding for Marie Curie Cancer Care as they provide free home nursing for terminally-ill people and he has supported them since they cared for his mother when she had cancer, as they were so kind and supportive to his mother and his family. If you would like to make a donation to the riders, please visit: <http://www.justgiving.com/Chris-Raiswell> .

Jonathan White



# Wistaston Conservation Group

The last few weeks have seen the Group working on many of our regular projects.

## Greenway/Bluebell woodland

The Group was represented at the official opening of the Bluebell woodland, just near to the Rising Sun public house, when the official plaque was unveiled, (see photo). We are waiting for news of the next phase of the Greenway, from the Rising Sun to Nantwich, as we have agreed to a tree planting scheme, when it is completed.

## Woodside woodland

This project, on behalf of the Wistaston Parish Council, is ongoing, but is turning out to be a bigger project than originally anticipated. We are about halfway through in our aim to control the number of unauthorized paths through the woodland, and thus protect it for local wildlife.

## Information boards and benches

Having completed this project some time ago, it was agreed that the Council would undertake the upkeep of these, but this has not happened. The Group has thus, reluctantly, taken over the regular upkeep of these areas.

## Himalayan balsam

Our work over the past few years in the Joey the Swan area has been successful in controlling this invasive species. The Group has now started to try to bring this control downstream, within the Wistaston boundaries. We have recently done 2 days in the Field Lane area and on the path from Wistaston Green Road car park as far as the Greenway. This is a lot of hard work for a small group, and I would like to say a big thank you to our team for all their efforts.

Control of Himalayan balsam is an emotive subject, as some people think we are destroying a pretty plant, which is beneficial to wildlife. Although we have some sympathy with this view, this non native, invasive species, if allowed to, will take over both banks of our local waterways, and will kill off

our native plant species, which are even more beneficial to our local wildlife. One balsam plant, if allowed to go to seed, can distribute 1000 seeds, so this is why we are determined to control it in Wistaston.

## Wistaston Green Road car park

Recently the Group has done a lot of work to clean up this car park, especially the area around our information board. This car park is very well used, especially by local people using our pathways, and deserves to be kept in good order.

## Oak Avenue

Further to my comments in the last issue, asking for any information on the history of the Oak Avenue, and its possible connection with the Rookery Hall driveway to Middlewich Road, I have not had any further information on the subject, I would be really happy if anyone can shed any further light on this subject.



Whilst carrying out many of our projects around Wistaston, it is really heartening to hear from local people how much they appreciate what we as a Group are doing for the locality. Such comments make the hard work, sore backs, etc, really worthwhile.

John M Wood  
Chairman  
Wistaston Conservation Group.

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