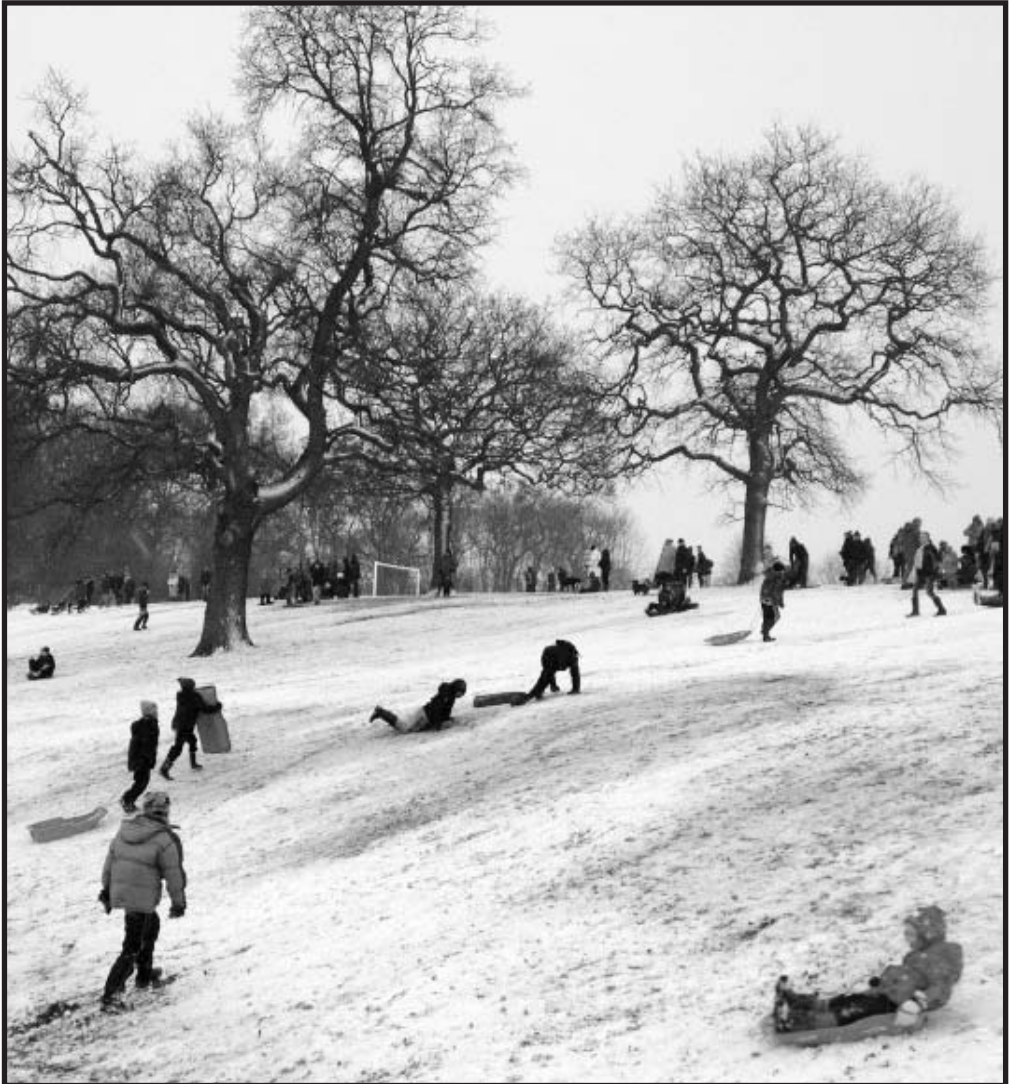


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# Editorial

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 Summer edition – due out in early June – by 15 April 2013.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR 2013

Friday 8 March	Spring Concert with the Kipling Singers
Thursday 28 March	Memorial Hall's 64th AGM
Saturday 15 June	Village Fete
Saturday 17 August	Flower and Produce Show
Saturday 7 September	Duck Race
Saturday 2 November	Firework Display

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.

With the proceeds of our fund raising events the Community Council aims 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 Eileen Bamber, details above, for the consideration of the Community Council. The Community Council also organises the Flower and Produce Show, Fireworks Display the December Christmas Concert and the Spring Concert.

## Wistaston Community Council

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### The Kipling Singers

at their Spring Concert on

**Friday 8 March 2013 at 7.00pm in  
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### 29 March Good Friday

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2pm An Hour at the Cross at St Mary's Wistaston

### 31 March Easter Sunday

9am Holy Communion at St Luke's Willaston  
10.40am All Age Holy Communion at St Mary's Wistaston

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## The Wistaston Parish Council's annual Civic Service took place on Sunday 10th February 2013.

St Mary's Church in Wistaston was full for the Service, which was organised by the Wistaston Parish Council. The Chairman of the Wistaston Parish Council Cllr John Moore had invited the Mayor & Mayoress of Cheshire East (Cllr George Walton and his wife Veronica). The Service was taken by Rev Mike Turnbull and the Preacher was Rev Ken Sambrook. The Organist was John Axon and musical items were performed by the Wistaston Church Lane Primary School Choir and the Shavington High School Wind Ensemble.

Many representatives of community organisations had been invited to attend including Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the 35th South West Cheshire Group and all the Parish Councillors.

All who attended were invited to the Church Hall after the Service for refreshments.

A spokesman said, "It was a most successful community event, enjoyed by so many different local organisations and their representatives."



**Wistaston Community Website:**

[www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk](http://www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk)

Wistaston Community Council

## From the Pastor's pen.....



I read a story recently about a little boy and his father who were driving down a country road on a beautiful spring afternoon. Suddenly, a wasp flew in through the car window and seeing the petrified look on his son's face the father caught the wasp in his hand and then released it. As soon as he let it go the boy once again became frantic as it buzzed passed him. The boy's father immediately pointed to his hand. There still stuck in the skin was the stinger of the wasp. "Do you see this?" said the father, "You don't need to be afraid any more. I've taken the sting for you"

This is the message of Easter. As we remember on Good Friday that Jesus died on the cross and faced death for us, we need not be afraid any more. Jesus took the sting out of death for us. And Easter Sunday reminds us that there is life beyond the grave. Just as at springtime we see all kinds of new life after the 'death' of winter, Jesus offers us the hope of new life through his death and resurrection. Why not visit a church near you this Easter time to find out more?

Happy Easter!

Andy Taylor Pastor

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# WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## 1. BUDGETS 2013/14

Your Council has completed its planning process and set out next year's Budget. Following a period of consultation to which no representations were made, final approval was agreed at our January meeting. Every effort has been made to keep costs under control, however, the Council agreed a small number of schemes in the Capital Programme. The final proposal is for the Precept to be set at £50,500 giving a small increase of £1,500 (3%) approximately 40p per household per year. Details can be found on our website [www.wistastonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.wistastonparishcouncil.org.uk) or upon request to our Clerk.

## 2. WOODLAND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

Working closely with Mr. Pete Attwood's organisation The Conservation Volunteers and the Woodland Trust we have prepared a major scheme proposal to improve pathways, coppicing and planting mainly in the Old Covert woodland. Our submission has been forwarded to the Forestry Commission for approval to our request for financial support. We anticipate a decision in approximately 3 - 4 months.

## 3. DOG FOULING

This has been an on-going concern for some time and from recent inspections the practice of leaving "dog poo" in plastic bags littering the undergrowth or hung on hedgerows has worsened. We are also receiving reports of general fouling on footpaths. These actions spoil our open spaces and increase risks to other users and we would appeal to dog owners to place bags in the bins provided or take it home for disposal.

## 4. RESIDENT CONCERNS

We have previously provided residents with contact details to report action highway issues. Requests are still being received and your Council actively follow these up. It would help considerably if residents could also report problems direct to Cheshire East. With a joint effort we can make a difference to tackle the many highway problems. Examples are:-

- Street lighting (note column number and road name)
- Potholes, sunken grids, blocked drains, pavements, roadway markings (note nearest property and road name)

Contact can be made either by tel. no. 0300 123 5020 or via website: [cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://cheshireeast.gov.uk) / Roadworks and how to report highway faults.

Please request a reference number and if no action is taken use this to report again or raise the matter with your Parish Councillor.

## 5. NORTH WEST REGION SPATIAL STRATEGY (NWRSS) – HOUSING PLANS

Residents may be interested to follow events for the above and the proposed changes contained in the Cheshire East

Council Draft Local Plan which set out significant changes. There is to be a further consultation period and all residents can make their views known to Cheshire East Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning, Cheshire East, Westfields, Sandbach. CW11 1HZ. Details can be found on the Cheshire East Council's Website: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/) Cheshire East Development Strategy.

## 6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings at Wistaston Memorial Hall on the following dates:-

21st February 2013 – 7.30 p.m.

21st March 2013 – 7.30 p.m.

11th April 2013 - Annual Parish Meeting 8.00 p.m.

16th May 2013 – 7.30 p.m.

*Cllr. J. Moore* CHAIRMAN

## Councillor Contact Details:-

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Derrick Millington 9 Chesterton Drive, Wistaston, CW2 8EA	664471
Ray Westwood 550 Crewe Road, Wistaston, CW2 6PP	569844

### WELLS GREEN WARD

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Graham Roberts 29 Berkeley Crescent, Wistaston, CW2 6QA	568521

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# WISTASTON GREEN TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

At November's meeting David McCabe, retired Fire Officer, gave us a light-hearted account of his 30 years with the Cheshire Fire Brigade beginning with an appointment at Headquarters in Chester in 1973. It could be described as humour in uniform. He was later transferred to Red Watch in Crewe where he spent many years working with and observing the habits and practices of his colleagues up and down the hierarchy. He spoke of his induction which he viewed with suspicion since he had been in the forces, when asked to go up the hose tower to "look for smoke" but unlike some raw recruits who unfortunately never sussed the wheeze, he didn't fall for that one. He recalled the many pranks which happened during "down time", the period in which attendance is required but no specific duties were undertaken. He admitted taking part in some which he thought perhaps by today's standards went a little too far but explained it was a way of erasing from the mind some of the many unpleasant sights and jobs one experiences whilst on such a service and recalled the time when a donkey being administered oxygen ate the mask! For those who had enjoyed the programme London's Burning he confirmed that all the characters portrayed do exist but definitely not on the same watch. He held his service with great affection and it would be unfair to reveal the many tales he recalled from that time but for any group interested in the lives of a front line emergency service it is certainly one for the diary.

Early in December Mr Zdenck Walkoun, who graduated from stacking shelves at Bridgemere to be a valued gardener at the Dorothy Clive Gardens at Willoughbridge, with which I am sure many people are familiar, gave us a very interesting evening assisted by a slide show. A charming young man with an in-depth knowledge of the garden and passion for its existence in spade loads. He described how year-round interest has been their aim and gave us a wonderful insight into the contrasting seasonal variations. The rhododendron dell, of course, is at its heart being developed from an old quarry. Plants there flower for many months. Zdenck is one of two full-time gardeners along with a female designer who skilfully guides the styles and colour schemes of the changing borders. There are several new ideas being formulated which can be viewed when they open their gates in March 2013. His talk was very informative and we all felt we had learned something about the many plants on view. We look forward to seeing the new features on our next visit.

The Christmas meeting gives us an opportunity to raise funds for a chosen charity and this year it was the North West Air Ambulance. The Christmas table was laden with the generous donations from the members and raised almost £100 for the cause. Grateful thanks were extended to all who provided the variety of goods for sale and to those who made purchases.

Also early in December the Guild's Northern National Carol Service was held in Durham at its magnificent Norman cathedral. Many townfolk were interested in knowing why so many elegantly dressed ladies were in their shopping area and asked what special event was taking place to warrant such a gathering and the ladies in return were only too happy to explain that it was the Townswomen's Guilds Annual

Carol Service. All those who went had an enjoyable three day outing.

The morning was a little gloomy and extremely cold as we set off for our Christmas lunch to be held at the Grosvenor Hotel, Pulford, but as the sleepy sun peered over its misty duvet illuminating our beautiful Cheshire countryside it revealed icy silver troughs in the previously water-logged fields, ghostly images of trees appeared on Bulkeley Hill, a fleeting glimpse of Reynard stealthily going about his business crossing the golden stubble, a pheasant in his glorious plumage enjoying its freedom oblivious of its inevitable fate, silver birches decorated the roadside draped in nature's tinsel – indeed a wonderful introduction into the interior of the very welcoming hotel which continued the icy theme with stunning decorations and a welcoming log burning stove in the corner of reception. With invitingly laid tables, and individual place cards hand crafted by our talented Chairman, Beryl Taylor, we sat down to an excellent meal with exceptional attention to detail and good presentation of delicious food served by well trained staff. Feeling replete and in generous mood the party left for a little retail therapy at the nearby garden centre where last minute Christmas shopping was the order of the day – a good start to the festive season.

A new year and new challenges are always greeted with a social evening. This year our hard-working committee, for whom we give our grateful thanks, provided an ample buffet following which we had a quiz and a frustrating time playing Uno. We now look forward to our meetings and outings which offer an opportunity to meet new and old friends alike.

We are always pleased to greet prospective members at our monthly meetings which are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm at St Mark's Church Hall, Bramhall Road, Wistaston Green, Crewe and if you come along you will be made very welcome.

## **Nantwich Support Group of St Luke's Hospice (Cheshire)**

have planned the following events for 2013

### **2nd March**

Coffee Morning 9.30 to 12 noon.  
Parish Rooms Nantwich

### **5th March**

Quiz Night at Wistaston Memorial Hall  
7.30pm start. £3.50p per person.  
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### **7th April**

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The Greenway has been funded by money from the BIG Lottery award to Sustrans (the national cycling organisation), the Links to School projects funded through the DfT award to Sustrans, Cheshire East Council and WREN. It has been designed to enable pedestrians, wheelchair users and cyclists to have a traffic-free route linking the towns of Crewe and Nantwich, and will also be an asset to Wistaston and Willaston; the western section from the Rising Sun inn to Barony Park has also been designed to accommodate horse riders.

Currently, two seats are planned along the route, one of which will be a Portrait Bench, to be sited near the entrance to Alvaston Hall, with three life-size metal figures depicting characters associated with the area, namely: a Roman Soldier, a Civil War Roundhead and a Railwayman. Although the Greenway should be completed by end January/early February 2013, a formal opening ceremony (including the unveiling of the Portrait Bench) has been tentatively planned for Wednesday 20th March, which is the first day of Spring.



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## Wistaston Community Council's Christmas Concert



a varied and highly entertaining programme of singing, music, poetry and even some comedy – all on the theme of Christmas.

Over £500 was raised by the concert all of which will be given to a number of Children's Charities.

Dane Chaplow, Chairman of the Community Council gave a vote of thanks which was echoed by the Mayor who closed the concert by congratulating all the performers for a thoroughly enjoyable evening of music and seasonal entertainment.

On 7 December, well over 100 people attended St Mary's Church Hall for the annual Christmas Concert organised by Wistaston Community Council. We were also honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor George Walton and his wife Veronica who were able to be there.

The event was hosted by Geoff Armitage and featured the Shavington School Band led by their teacher John Clarke alongside Myra Wood's Wells Green Choir. The audience thoroughly enjoyed



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## Celebrations at Wistaston Village Cricket Club on Sunday 26th August 2012

Matches took place at Wistaston Village Cricket Club - <http://wistastonvillage.play-cricket.com/> - at the Eric Swan Recreation Ground on the afternoon of Sunday 26th August 2012. The event was organised to celebrate the 40th birthday of former Wistaston Village Cricket Club (WVCC) player Julian West. Julian's father (Howard West) was a founder member and former captain of WVCC and also played for Yorkshire Colts and the Yorkshire 2nd XI. Julian travelled with his family from Greenfield in Lancashire and his mother, Carol, and brother, Nicky, were also there. Around 100 people were present which included friends and family and WVCC founder members Rod Titus, Charles Fox and John White. There was a BBQ and refreshments along with a bouncy castle for the children. Julian was presented with a 40th birthday cake and thanked everyone for coming.

Two Twenty20 matches were played. The first match - WVCC vs old Wistonian's - was won by old Wistonian's. The second match - WVCC vs young Wistonian's (Under 21s) - was won by WVCC. Bob Butland was the umpire.

The event was organised by Julian West and Kevin Jobbins. Kevin said, 'We were blessed with fantastic weather. The ground was in prime condition. We were so pleased to see so many old friends and families.'

### How WVCC began

Wistonian's interested in cricket were invited to a meeting at the Wistaston Memorial Hall on Thursday 22nd April 1980. A group then played three friendly matches against the North West Farmers at the cricket ground behind the Peacock pub. The Wistaston team was captained by Howard West and won one and lost two of these invitation matches. In the match on 27th



WVCC - players past and present

July, NWF scored 109 and Wistaston were all out for 27! At the general meeting held on 15th April 1981 the following officers were elected:

- President - Maureen Elliot
- Chairman/Captain - Howard West
- Treasurer/Vice Captain - Roger Connerty
- Secretary - Charles Fox
- Committee members - Paul Hamer, Andrew Nicholson, Melvyn Nevitt and Mike Barnes.

Nine fixtures were arranged during 1981 against North West Farmers (2), Arley (2), Audley, Audlem, Haslington, Nantwich and Norton in Hales. From humble beginnings in 1980, the Wistaston Village Cricket Club, from 1998, has blossomed at the Eric Swan Recreation Ground into a thriving, successful and friendly organisation.

Reported by Jonathan White

## Report from Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club

The Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club held their AGM recently and in the absence of Chairman Alastair Bain, Bill Heath presided over the proceedings. The year 2012 was reported as being a most successful one with excellent tennis played on the well-appointed courts. The group sessions are very popular with full attendances at most games.

Club Captain, Carol Kearns, due to other commitments, reluctantly gave notice of her retirement from this post. Carol has always given tremendous service in her capacity as Captain over many years and she will be greatly missed in this role. The good news is that Carol will still be a member of the Committee so will be on hand for advice if her successor needs it. John White proposed a vote of thanks to Carol which was supported by all present.

It was agreed that the membership fees should not be increased for 2013 so they remain as follows:

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vi	Family Group (Two Seniors and all under 16)	150
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x	Social Member (non-playing)	5
xi	Match fees for each League and Club match, home or away	1
xii	Country Membership Fee (living 30 miles or more from the club)	60

Fees are due on or before 1 April 2013.

If any further information is required please ring Bill Heath on 01270 560471

We now look forward to a warmer and sunny Summer – wishing everyone a Happy Tennis Year

Alice Chalwin

# Wistaston Church Lane Primary School

**We have had a very busy time in School since our last report...**

## **Church Lane celebrates Christmas...**

To celebrate Christmas, last year the children had a special Christmas dinner. It was a great success as many children enjoyed pulling crackers and wearing party hats!

Our cooks, Mrs Croft and Mrs Simons, spent hours serving all of our delicious turkey meals and not to mention our gorgeous puddings!

Also every child in the School took part in a Christmas Play. The first was an amazing performance called 'Archibald's War' played by Years 4, 5 and 6. The years 2 and 3 had their brilliant performance called 'Hey Ewe!' Also Foundation and Year 1 had their excellent show of 'The Sleepy Shepherd.' The teachers put in a lot of hard work and effort to make the performances a success. Mrs Beale did a fantastic job of designing and painting our backdrop. Year 6 were the actors and actresses in Archibald's War and did an amazing job. They also had to put in a lot of effort to learn their words and act with expressions and gestures. To celebrate their achievements the children had their own Oscar ceremony. Brianna and Will J won the best actor and actress.

At Christmas the whole school went to St. Mary's Church for their Christmas Carol Service. Some of the Year 6 pupils did a speech in the church which was a very brave thing to do. Also the guitar club played a beautiful piece, Silent Night. Mr Challinor (our guitar teacher) put in a lot of effort to help the group learn the song. The choir sang a couple of songs that Mrs Palethorpe conducted and with a bit of help the choir sang beautifully. It was a lovely performance. All of the junior building came to watch and every one of them came out with a positive comment and a smile. The children in KS1 also had their own service given by Reverend Turnbull in St Mary's Church.

## **Ofsted**

Near the end of the year we had a surprising visit from Ofsted. (The School inspectors board) Three people arrived on the morning of the 27th November and remained in School until the end of the day on the 28th of November.

They judged our School in four main categories; the achievement of pupils; the quality of teaching and learning; the effectiveness of leadership and management and standards of behaviour and safety in schools. Everyone worked really hard and the Ofsted inspectors were very friendly and kind towards the children.

Finally we discovered that our School had been graded... **OUTSTANDING!!!**

The school, teachers and pupils worked incredibly hard to produce the high standard the inspectors were looking for.

## **Healthy School Week**

Healthy school week commenced on Monday 28th of January by all of the school. We had a healthy school week competition, there were four competitions. Years 5 and 6 had

to design a Healthy Balanced Meal and the other year groups took part in games or word searches.

All week the children explored their knowledge of healthy food, keeping fit and doing plenty of exercise. The Foundation Stage children made healthy salads, wraps and drinks. In year 1 they focused on the exercise sessions performed by Multiflex, (who teach one of our weekly PE lessons). Year 2 also did the Multiflex exercises but their main focus was learning about wheat.

As well as the infants, Key Stage 2 also learnt how to be healthy. Year 3 mainly focused on all the different types of vegetables. Year 4 focused on healthy snacks and dips. Year 5 did an interactive gym exercise plus making healthy pizzas at Shavington High School which looked very tasty. Finally to round off the week year 6 made healthy salads and performed a healthy keep fit routine for the rest of the school.

## **Chinese year of the dragon**

For most of January the foundation children were celebrating last year's Chinese year of the dragon. Most of them painted a dragon or made Chinese lanterns. On the first Monday of January they started to make the dragon out of cardboard boxes then every Monday and Tuesday they worked on their dragon until it was finished.

## **Anti- Bullying Week**

On the 19th of November to the 26th of November it was a week all about Anti- Bullying! All the school came together to participate in a number of events to inform the pupils of the pain caused by bullying.

Everybody took part in activities organised by one of our teachers, Mrs Clyne.

One of the highlights was a fantastic production from a company called 'sticks and phones' who taught the students about the consequences of cyber and physical bullying.

It was a great week and everybody learnt lots of important information.

## **Year Six learn an important life skill...**

Year 6 did First Aid training with Mr Dean who works for Ensure Safety, his job involves him teaching adults and children first aid. The children learnt many skills like how to do CPR, Rescue breaths and even how to put a bandage on a wound.

Mr Dean even showed the children how to deal with someone choking, having a heart attack and suffering from shock.

In the end all the children got a certificate for participating in his course, he also gave two more certificates to Helen and Alicia. They got the certificates for outstanding effort in his course as well as getting an amazing prize... a top quality first aid kit!

Over all, the children absolutely loved their training and learnt a vital life skill. If they could, they would love to do it again. Let's hope that Mr Dean will come back next year.

**This report was written by Kate, Faith, Chloe, Josh, Mattie E, Alex S and Will B; all members of Year Six.**

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# Wistaston Village Cricket Club

With the 2012 cricket season now but a distant memory, preparations have already been made for the 2013 season, which, by the time the good people of Wistaston read this editorial will only be a month away. The cricket club has now completed the demanding schedule of work through the winter months - which is so essential in ensuring that our wickets and outfield meet the usual high standards required by The Cheshire Alliance. Indoor nets have been in progress since mid-January and will move to the Brittles after Easter commencing 6.15pm in final preparation for the new season which commences on 20th April. Wistaston Village Cricket Club will be competing in the following divisions during 2013:-

**First Eleven:- The Cheshire Alliance Division 1**

**Second Eleven:- The Cheshire Alliance Division 4**

**Third Eleven Cheshire County League**

**(Sundays):- Division 4 West**

**Women's First Eleven:- Cheshire Women's Cricket League Division 2**

**Wombats (Sundays):- Friendlies**

**Under 9,11,13,15 and 18's:- The South Cheshire Junior Cricket League**

**Under 13's (Girls) The Cheshire Girls Cricket League**

At the cricket club's Annual General Meeting which was held on 13th November 2012, the following members were elected:-

**President:** R.Titus; **Chairman/development:** K.Jobbins; **Secretary/development:** M.Stokes; **Treasurer:** J.Parr temporary); **1st capt:** N.Townsend; **2nd capt:** J.Allwood; **Sunday league capt:** P.Heaton; **Sunday wombats capt:** D.Titus; **Club capt/league rep:** S.Collins; **Womens/ junior league rep:** K.Thornhill; **Membership sec:** T.Stokes; **General/press:** J.Avery; **General/wsla rep:** P.Jobbins; **Junior players rep:** A.Heaton.

The cricket club held a very successful joint Christmas Bingo and Quiz evening at the Memorial Hall on 21st December 2012, an event that was extremely well supported and feed-back was very positive. Proceeds from this event help to finance the future development of the club.

## **PLAYERS REQUIRED FOR THE FORTHCOMING 2013 CRICKET SEASON**

Following a recent club meeting, it has been decided that Wistaston Village Cricket Club would like to form a women's cricket team. The natural way forward is to gauge whether there are sufficient numbers of women, irrespective of age or ability, who have harboured the idea of playing cricket but have neither had the opportunity nor self-belief of taking the next step.

Past editorials in the "Roundabout" magazine have reflected the successes of our young girl's cricket team and now the club feel the time is right to form a women's team.

We have always offered cricket to juniors and adults of all standards, so if you really would like to take the next important step towards playing cricket, please contact either Pauline or Kevin Jobbins on 01270 663699 for more details on what our cricket club can offer you.

## **INDOOR NETS – 2013**

Please be aware of the commencement of indoor nets for 2013.

**Under 9's, 11's 13's Boys and Girls & New Ladies**

Start Tuesday 29th January 2013 – Venue:- Brine Leas School 6 pm – 8 pm

**Under 15's, 18's & Seniors**

Start Saturday 12th January 2013 – Venue:- South Cheshire College 1 pm – 3 pm

The normal cost of the sessions will be £3.00.

**For further information call 07721 838018**

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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.

We offer cricket to adults and juniors 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: - 01270 663699** in the first instance.

For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins 01270 663699**.

**John Avery**

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## Anthony Clarke adds his comments and photo regarding further sightings of one of the Wistaston Reynards

I attach a photo of a FOX that was in my rear garden in Edinburgh Road, Wistaston, this morning at 9-45 am (15/01/13). I was having breakfast and was very surprised to suddenly see a FOX being chased by a terrier dog from my neighbours garden and after a backwards and forward chase around the garden the FOX got away and went through the gully into Windsor Road and I presume off to the fields.



## Lawrence Clough – Wistonian of the Year for 2012

At the end of last year the search for the 2012 Wistonian of the Year was on and at the Annual General Meeting of the Wistaston Community Council we had pleasure in awarding this to Lawrence Clough, known to everyone as Laurie.



Laurie, with his wife and family, arrived in Wistaston in 1974 from Chester as a serving policeman when he became a member of the congregation of St Mary's Church in Wistaston where he has remained and where his everyday actions are outstanding. The amount of cheerful voluntary labour he devotes to church activities and its environs is phenomenal. He has developed a regular programme for trimming the churchyard hedges and for keeping the mole population under control; he sets up and takes down tables for numerous activities in the church hall nearly every Sunday morning; he ferries other parishioners to church and back home and on numerous other occasions having seen that help is needed he is there, ready.

Over the last ten years, one Sunday morning each month, Laurie has attended Leighton Hospital to assist in taking patients to the chapel bringing his bubbling good humour to cheer everyone.

However his kindness does not stop on Sundays. Time and again he has taken people to hospital for appointments and admissions as well as assisting people with mobility problems to shops and business appointments often acting in an advisory capacity.

He is always there to help with parish events and for as long as anyone can remember Laurie has been a 'Roundabout' deliverer. In fact he has one of the largest rounds and is always available to help further if anyone is incapacitated.

Wistaston is lucky to have Laurie as one of its residents for not only is he a truly happy, cheerful volunteer but he is an ongoing example to everyone. He is not a committee man; he is an active honest-to-goodness neighbourly human being doing the right thing at the right time which makes him a very worthy Wistonian of the Year.

## Report from Berkeley Primary School

The Berkeley Primary School had an Ofsted Inspection right at the end of term as the children were busy enjoying their Christmas celebrations. They welcomed the inspectors into school on the day they were having Christmas dinner in the school hall.

The Inspectors enjoyed the celebrations and were very positive about everything they experienced in the school.

They particularly commented on the 'caring and nurturing' atmosphere which they observed.

Inspectors found that behaviour is consistently good and pupils are proud of their school, enjoy learning and feel safe. The children explained that any issues are dealt with immediately because 'You never feel awkward talking to an adult in this school.'

The report, now available on Ofsted's website, says results are high and rising sharply so that pupils reach standards significantly above those expected nationally in reading, writing and mathematics.

Headteacher, Jan Stainsby-Cope, said 'the children are celebrating the excellent report this week and it is a credit to them and their teachers. We know we are a really good school where many outstanding lessons take place but it is fantastic to have this confirmed by Ofsted.'

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Hoping everyone has had a Happy Christmas and looking forward to a good New Year. Whilst I'm writing this it is snowing heavily and the birds are flying around waiting for food.

In November Dr Raymond Buss gave us a well-presented and very interesting power point presentation on life in Western Australia. This made us all think about Summer holidays in 2013. He told us about his children and grandchildren and the walks and outings he had with them.

Our Christmas Party on 4 December was enjoyed by all. We had a good attendance although we did have some apologies mainly due to illness. I co-ordinated the buffet which looked wonderful and tasted equally so. My thanks to everyone who contributed by making or buying food. Thanks to Father Christmas for attending. Thanks to John and Glenys White for the Quizzes and music. A big thank you too from me to Margaret and Ken Flory, Mike and Angela Fox and Di (Treasurer).

17 January was our New Year Lunch at South Cheshire College. This was very enjoyable and my thanks go to the students and staff who provided such a good choice of food which was well cooked and equally well presented.

Our forthcoming programme for 2013

**5 March:** 'Nantwich Past and Present' by Mrs Sue Church who last year gave us a very interesting talk about Churché's Mansion in Nantwich and her family connections.

**2 April:** Mr Derek Jones: 'A Shropshire Lad' with an illustrated talk about his childhood and later in South Shropshire. He has many amusing stories to tell which makes it a very humorous experience.

**7 May:** Mr Chris Hughes: 'Random Railway Reminiscences; an illustrated talk about his life on the Railways.

**4 June:** Jonathan and Pam Baddeley: 'Nostalgia Time'. Both are members of the George Formby Ukelele Society. Jonathan plays the ukelele and clarinet and they both entertain us with songs from the 70s and 80s with one or two George Formby numbers included.

We are a friendly group who warmly welcome ex-Civil servants and partners. Visitors are also very welcome.

**Grace Harding, Chairperson**

**Wistaston Community Council**

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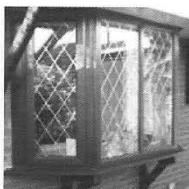
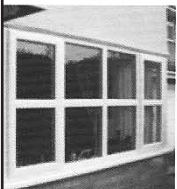
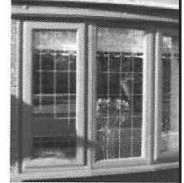
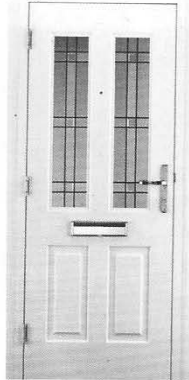
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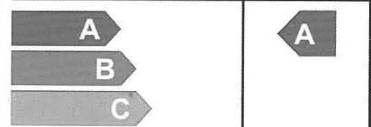
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# Wistaston Young Drama Group

Members of Wistaston Young Drama Group are pictured at the end of the autumn term.

What a finale to our autumn term! The final classes of the year had the group members improvising the Nativity story followed by an impromptu display of "Gangnam" dancing.

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# Wistaston Conservation Group

The last few weeks, and certainly the one as I write this, have been very difficult for our Group, wet and cold, with the ground much too hard to do much work.

We have, however, progressed several of our smaller projects.

We were fortunate to be offered a fairly large number of Oak trees from a garden in Church Lane, which we have transplanted into various areas around the recreation grounds.

Several of the trees and bushes around our area were ready for coppicing (Hazel) and pollarding (Willow), and this has either been done, or will be done in the near future. Willow and Hazel benefit from this, and it also gives us the timber required to continue our work on the Woodside woodland.

The Woodside woodland project, requested by the Parish Council, has proved to be a much bigger job than we originally envisaged, but we are continuing to progress it, being about 70% complete.

Some of our woodland has a lot too many small saplings, many non-native species, and these are gradually being thinned out, giving the better examples, and our native species, more space to progress. This again gives us more useful timber for our other projects.

We recently scattered wildflower seed on an area near to the new Greenway, and we have strimmed the area to give the wildflower plants a much better chance of survival in the next few months. We look forward to a good display of native wildflowers in the spring and summer.

On the subject of the Greenway, the next section, from the Rising Sun to the Sainsbury's roundabout, is well on the way to completion, despite the weather. We will soon be able to walk all the way from Queen's Park into Nantwich, only having to cross the main road once, on a properly controlled crossing.

We have a fairly long list of projects for 2013, including:

- further tree planting, when the ground is softer,
- clearance work on the drainage ditches which feed the pond in Rectory covert (see photos, before and after last year)
- further work on the pond to make it more wildlife friendly
- modification of the ground under some of our benches, to stop the undergrowth making use of the benches difficult
- further redefining of some of our woodland pathways
- work to try to establish the line of several drainage ditches in the Woodside woodland area, and hopefully to help them to flow again.

Despite the weather, we continue to help "to preserve the natural features of Wistaston for future generations".

**John M Wood**  
Chairman Wistaston Conservation Group



Drainage ditches before and after work in 2012

# Nature article

Our most prominent items this issue come from Allan Scholes of Broughton Lane, who, in October, was enjoying frequent visits from a buzzard sitting and preening at the foot of the garden. As expected, it was much harassed by magpies and crows resenting its presence. One day Allan counted at least ten magpies, the buzzard taking its revenge by grabbing one and eating it. We don't know why two magpies are said to bring good luck: someone we once knew would lapse into a near trance-like state every time he saw a pair. Perhaps some wise Wistonian could start a series on the origins of superstitions. On Sunday, 4 November, Allan was amused by a robin fighting its reflection in the car wing-mirror; continuing to do so despite the proximity of Allan's wife. It stood on the door near the window of the car. We do hear of birds fighting their reflections, but believe this is the first report for Roundabout.

Away from birds, Allan also lays claim to a fox's second home: not an earth exactly, but a 'snug sheltered spot to lay up in'. Reynard gets the odd treat – a jam sandwich if there is any stale bread.

At home, mid December saw brief visits by a great spotted woodpecker on fat-balls; long-tailed tits and, most unusually for us, a rook. There used to be a rookery on Crewe Road in the vicinity of Coppice Road, but we have not noticed if it still survives. A nuthatch pair called fleetingly in January.

The weather has not been hard enough so far this winter for birds to be too tempted into suburbia, and our numbers have not been great, but we still observe the simple habits of poking soft fat into natural tree-holes for nuthatches and woodpeckers, and leaving dead sunflowers for their seed-heads.

To greet the waking day, blackbirds appear on the lawn, chasing each other off after toleration of the communal overnight roost. Our one strange observation is the absence this year of carrion crows. In the countryside they still seem reasonably common, but we cannot recall the last time we saw one in our garden despite the frequency of other family members, i.e. magpies and jackdaws.

Our chaffinch numbers are growing for ground-feeding on droppings of seed from birds at hangers, and it is exciting to seek bramblings among them in winter: those migrants from the Scandinavian forests, similar at a distance. In winter finches form mixed flocks to seek food, at night returning to roosts in hedgerows and trees.

Around 8.00 a.m., during breakfast, January mornings brought smallish flocks of starlings flying over towards Nantwich. How that town suffers! We imagine it's the usual story of flight from roost to feeding grounds.

Even at the most depressing season we can take comfort in the knowledge that the days are at last lengthening, and we can look forward to the discovery of the first snowdrop. We are confident that the populace will agree that these simple pleasures are still able to occasion great joy.

Our thanks to all contributors.

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## Wistaston Community Council 100 Club

A big thank you to all who took part in the 100 Club during 2012. The total gross fund raised by the 4 weekly draws was £3027.00. Total prize monies to the winners of all 2012 draws was £1515.00, leaving £1481.76 after Lottery running expenses, bank interest and tax deduction to be used for donations/presenting events by W.C.C.

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£25	96	89		65	108		8	18		30	76	95	

In addition to the above six £10 winners were drawn at every draw plus an additional six at draw 13.

I also wish to send a big thank you to 5 collectors who work very hard collecting and handing out prizes throughout the year.

**G.B. Moores, Bernard Moores (Promoter)**

# “Ministers musings”

I have a confession to make: I get very easily excited!

I am particularly excited at the moment about three things:

- 1) Getting ordained in July
- 2) The 12th of April
- 3) The “New Generation”/“Visions of Hope” art exhibition

Allow me to explain:

- 1) This is an oddity of the Methodist Church – having been in the role for almost two years as a “probationer” I will (hopefully!) be ordained as a Minister on the 7th July in London.
- 2) If you ask me quietly I will tell you – but you must be sworn to secrecy as what we will be doing is a surprise for my wife!
- 3) It is this that I want to highlight for you in my “musings” this quarter:

Wells Green Methodist Church (in partnership with the Methodist churches in Shavington, Willaston and Chorlton) are going to be hosting a fantastic art exhibition from the 18th to the 25th of March. This is a collection of 34 silk paintings (some of which are 6 feet tall) by Southampton-based artist Anne House.

Described as “one of the best silk painters in the UK” by a leading art magazine, Anne’s exhibition is stunning and striking, challenging and comforting, as she takes the viewer on a journey from creation to revelation. The exhibition will be open 18th-25th March weekdays 1400-1700 and 1900-2100 (morning viewings by appointment), and Saturday 23rd March 1000-1700.

Admission is free, and there will be opportunity to purchase prints and cards.

I look forward to seeing you there!  
Steve

## Christmas Cryptic Crossword Solution

The solution to the Christmas Cryptic Crossword is given below and Mrs M Whitmore of Wistaston submitted the first correct crossword drawn out to receive the winning voucher.



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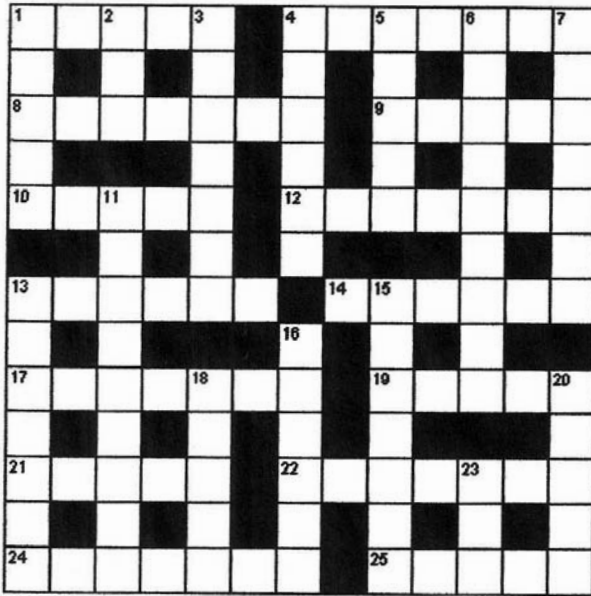
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# Spring Crossword



## Across

1. Prank (5)
4. Small community (7)
8. Everlasting (7)
9. Accolade (5)
10. Wear away (5)
12. Voter (7)
13. Alter or regulate (6)
14. Refuge (6)
17. Repossess (7)
19. Travel lodge (5)
21. Mound of stones used as a marker (5)
22. Sincere (7)
24. Latticework (7)
25. Herd or flock of animals (5)

## Down

1. Subject (5)
2. Frozen water (3)
3. Dog houses (7)
4. Smooth fabric (6)
5. Letting contract (5)
6. Flat (9)
7. Senior (7)
11. Target (9)
13. Fruit (7)
15. Stuck (7)
16. Hot fragments from a fire (6)
18. Declare invalid (5)
20. Supple (5)
23. Self (3)

## From the Archives: Wistaston's fascinating past.

### Memories of Wistaston Mill by Mollie Lea

After my father acquired the ownership of the mill from Commander Bailey the whole family was enlisted to run the business. My mother, in addition to running the house and cooking the meals did all the book-keeping. This often meant working late at night by oil lamp or even a candle but we always had the benefit of a nice roaring fire in the grate. My brother worked in the mill and also started to drive the Ford lorry. He was always good with mechanical things and developed a real interest in motor bikes. Eventually he took up amateur racing and succeeded in winning both the senior and junior Manx Amateur Grand Prix in 1929. I was still at Wistaston school but at weekends I helped to enter purchases into a huge ledger in which all the business of the mill was recorded. It was a very competitive era and my father spent much of his time travelling from farm to farm on his Triumph motor bike trying to persuade the farmers to give him an order or to collect money that was owed. Times were hard and sometimes he was paid in kind. One day I arrived home from school to hear he had been given a pony; I was so excited that I rushed into the stable only to be kicked out much faster than I had gone in. The poor pony had been sadly neglected and was very frightened.

In my time there was piped water first into the wash-house and then in 1955 into the house but when my father was young the water was obtained from a spring that came up in the wooded bank on the left of the mill drive way.

It was also to our advantage that my father should attend the weekly cattle markets. So on Monday mornings he dressed up with his stiff starched collar and front which was attached to his shirt by collar studs and which he always cursed as he struggled to fasten them. He would then pursue his prospective customers. If a farmer bought a lot of cattle which needed to be left at the market overnight he would get the order to provide the feed for them. I remember him once getting a huge order from a visiting circus – for the elephants food! The daily work of the mill started early but when there was grinding to be done – which was of course very

frequently it started earlier because the flood gates had to be closed so that the water could build up in order to provide sufficient power to drive the millwheel. It was not possible to close them overnight because of the danger of a sudden thunder storm which would have resulted in the mill being flooded. Even so I often remember my father getting up in the middle of the night to attend to the flood gates and prevent a disaster.

The willow girded pool itself was a centre for wild life and in addition to our own ducks and geese it also had its own visiting swans and herons. Water hens, coots, snipe and kingfishers were frequent visitors and also the resident owls played their part in keeping down the rats and mice which were unfortunately present in all corn mills. The mill cats worked hard inside the mill and it was unheard of to use any form of poison.

In 1925 the mill pond was completely frozen over and my father gave a marvellous exhibition of his skills as a skater which he had learnt as a youth in the last century when the winters were colder and opportunities for skating more frequent. The water was relatively unpolluted and there was a large head of fish in the pool, my father told me that an eel trap was set at the waterfall but I cannot remember it operating.

The garden of Wistaston Manor ran down to the east side of the pool and many local people will remember the legend of the three young children running down the garden path and falling in to the water and being drowned. It was said that a monument was erected to their memory. Fortunately for the children the story was quite untrue and the statue was a garden ornament of three cherubs. The story was invented by local parents help keep their children away from the pool.

Before the advent of the Ford lorry all the grain was delivered to the farms by horse and cart. We had a lovely brown Shire horse called Doll to pull the heavy loads of Indian meal etc. The exit from the mill was just as it is today with a sharp incline up from the mill yard to Nantwich Road. There was apparently a five-barred gate at the top of the bank but this was removed to enable the horse to have a free run up to the slope to the road. There was not much traffic on the road in those days except for market days when streams of sheep or cattle would be driven to the auctions. During the 19th century gaggles of geese were also brought for sale by Irishmen who landed at Holyhead and slowly grazed their geese along the grass verges from Holyhead to the auction at Crewe.

The mill had its own blacksmiths forge and bellows and horses were shod on the premises. The mill was also a smallholding and owned fields on the other side of Nantwich Road between Manor Avenue and Dane Bank. These were used mainly for cattle but we also had pigs and a lot of chickens. In the summer we, like all Cheshire farmers, had our hay making and harvesting periods during which time one of my jobs was to take ginger-beer in large stone jars to the workers in the fields.

The running of the mill and the small holding was very much a full time family affair and work commenced at six and finished when it was too dark to see. There was no electricity and the only light was candlelight and an oil lamp in the house. Candles were put in primitive candlesticks made out of bat shaped pieces of wood and a lid off a tin can. The handle of the candlestick was shaped to fit into holes strategically placed in the upright supports of the mill beams.

The mill house had Victoria plum trees trained up its walls and there was also a big orchard with apple, pear, cherry and damson trees. Harvest time was when my mother got busy making jams and all the special preserves that would see the family through the winter. We also had a big vegetable garden but it is the flower garden that I remember best. It was full of the cottage flowers and herbs with their distinctive scents which were so popular at the turn of the 20th century.

My father told me that his grandfather would send him into the garden to gather certain herbs to make a special brew to cure this particular malady. Feverfew was said to be a cure for migraine and of course there was always plenty of comfrey. Primroses, violets and wood anemones grew in profusion in the rather damp loamy soil.

1929 brought a lot of financial problems and the mill was taken over by a larger mill, Griffith Bros of Chester. Then came the war in 1939 and my father worked alone and continued to do so until he was 83 years old, still by candlelight. He would never keep a customer waiting unless maybe a bird or animal needed his protection from the cat or other predators.

He died at the age of 86 while weeding in the garden and so ended a hard but very contented life and also the era of Wistaston Mill as a corn mill.

On the morning of his funeral I awoke to find the garden full of cows which had apparently escaped from the neighbouring fields. I like to think that they had really come to pay their last respects.

Mollie Lee

# Wistaston Jubilee Proms Concert Thursday 18 October 2012

Over 60 people attended the Wistaston Jubilee Proms Concert on Thursday 18th October at the Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre, Church Lane, Wistaston.

The Concert was performed by the Crewe Concert Band - <http://www.cwebc.co.uk/> <<http://www.cwebc.co.uk/>> - under the Musical Director Albert Dunseath. The programme started with the National Anthem and included the Royal Salute, The Yeomen of the Guard, music of The Beatles medley, First Suite in E flat (Jupiter), Cymru am byth (Song of Wales), Barnacle Bill, Irish tune from County Derry, a Scottish Rhapsody, The Dambusters, Nimrod, Fantasia on British Sea Songs. The finale included There'll Always Be an England, I Vow to Thee, My Country, Jerusalem and Pomp and Circumstance.



The interval refreshments were organised by Audrey Astbury and her team.

The final sum to be shared between the Crewe Concert Band and the hall is approximately £400.

This was a rousing, patriotic Jubilee concert with the Crewe Concert Band at its best. The audience participation was outstanding and proved to be another very successful community event.

John White

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## Wistaston Annual Hall Quiz.

On the evening of Tuesday 23rd October 2012, 15 teams of 4 people participated in 6 rounds of 10 questions, during the Wistaston Annual Hall Quiz for the Fred Lorimer trophy.

The quizmaster was Geoff Armitage ably assisted by markers Sheila Armitage and Meurig Jones and scorer Glenys White. The raffle was organised by Herbert Locke MBE for prizes which were all kindly donated.

The half-time refreshments were organised by Audrey Astbury, Olive Williams, Sue Brown, Margaret Beresford, Kathleen Conroy and John Astbury.

The winning team was called 'The Hall Stars' with 52 out of a possible 60 points. The team was captained by Brian Edge with the other team members being John Lomax, Alan Brown and John White, who were presented with the prestigious Fred Lorimer trophy by Wistonian of the Year Sheena Sambrook. In second place were last year's champions '4 in the corner' with 47 points. 'The Scrabblers' came third with 46 points.

Event organiser John White said, "We had another enjoyable and successful community event, which raised £152 for hall funds. We thank everybody who supported this annual event for the Fred Lorimer trophy".



Jonathan White

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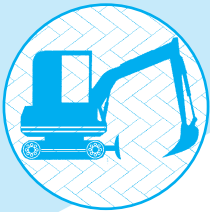


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