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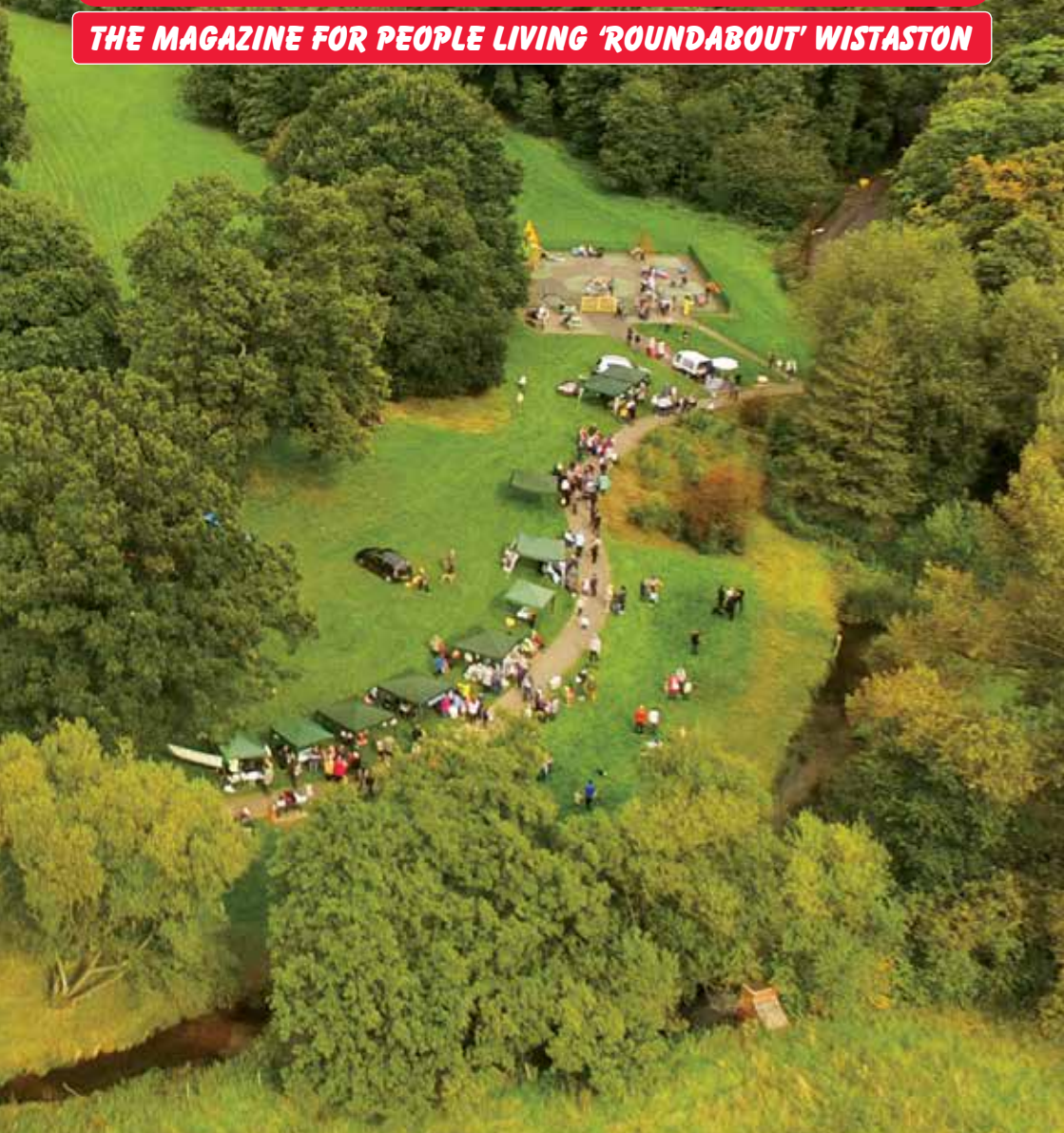
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EDITORIAL FOR AUTUMN 2022

Hoping everyone is enjoying and not merely enduring our Summer weather! Thank you so much to everyone for the continued splendid support you give to Roundabout even in these straitened times in whatever capacity, for without your contributions and advertisements it would not exist!

Please send in your articles, photographs etc. for our Winter edition, due out in early December by the 15 October.

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Dates for your Diary - 2022



Saturday 10 September Duck Race - see back page

Saturday 5 November - Fireworks: 6pm : Brittles

Sun. 13 November - Remembrance Service 3pm : Memorial Hall.

Friday 9 December: Christmas Concert: 7pm: St Mary's Church Hall.

The Duck Race, Fireworks and Christmas Concert are just three events organised by the Wistaston Community Council. We have just held an excellent Flower and Produce Show - write up and photographs will be included in the Winter Roundabout. We would welcome new members to help us organise such events.

Thank you to everyone who entered for the Laurie Twiss Award. The winners will be announced in the Winter issue of Roundabout. Meanwhile start to think of entering next year!

For really up-to-date information of what is happening in Wistaston please check on our website and Facebook page - you will find everything there!

Now is the time to start thinking about who you could nominate Wistonian of the Year and be ready to complete the forms which will be included in the Winter edition of Roundabout

Readers letter

A reader of the Summer 22 Roundabout was disappointed in our article on Francis Webb that there is so much more about him than was included in the article. Anyone wishing to find out more would find the internet a perfect jumping off point as is the Library and any books not readily available the Library would certainly try to obtain for you.



The Wistaston Swans

are celebrating their first anniversary as a WI, following their formation last July



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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. Wistaston in bloom

This year's programme is again underway after a 2-year break. It was pleasing to meet the visiting judge in a recent discussion organised by the secretary Bill Heath and supported by our volunteer groups.

A successful meeting with many questions raised. Our flower beds and displays look particularly good and resident areas attractive. We remain positive that previous years achievements will be repeated this year.

2. Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

The last report from our PCSO highlighted numerous issues of ASB throughout our Parish. In particular Joey the Swan recreation areas, the Brittles, St Mary's churchyard and fires in several locations.

High visibility and regular patrols are reported to be ongoing. Residents can raise concerns by direct contact to the PCSO team on Tel 101.

3. Litter

Our last report was showing encouraging signs of improvement, however, our recent survey was disappointing with discarded waste on the increase again. Thanks are expressed again to our dedicated volunteers and resident views on actions to improve would be welcome. More help is required, if interested please contact our Clerk.

4. Speed Indicator Device (SID)

First requested with CEC in March 2019 with an agreed specification and location in Broughton Lane in April 2019.

We have continually progressed this plan with many exchanges. CEC recommended a socket/post to enable this to be repositioned to other locations. This was finally installed in April 2022.

What was not appreciated was the post would be very loose fitting with too much lateral movement and unsuitable for a heavy SID unit to be installed safely. The post height was too short to give safe ground clearance,

A further request is awaiting CEC street lighting to provide a fixed 89mm diameter post with the correct height of 3.6 metres.

5. Facebook

The Council agreed at our last meeting to set up a Parish Facebook page. This will be controlled by our clerk providing details of events, parish minutes and notice of meetings and general information on a regular basis.

Cllr J Moore
Chairman

Wistaston Church Lane Academy - Report

We have had a very eventful Summer term at Wistaston Church Lane Academy. At the end of June, we had our sports day, which was the first one we'd had in front of parents since 2019 due to Covid. Everyone was very excited to be involved and really enjoyed themselves. Some very special people were chosen from Key Stage Two to represent the school at Town Sports in both the field and track events. The children all worked really hard to train to be chosen and we would like to give a big shout out to Miss White who helped us so much to prepare along the way.

In July, year 5 had an amazing time when they attended Primary College for two days at Cheshire College South and West. The children picked courses and had the opportunity to try so many different things such as falconry, travel and tourism, hair and beauty, science, street dance, bricklaying and so much more. They had so much fun and learnt lots of interesting facts.

We have all been so lucky to have new playground equipment bought for us to use at break times – we have had so much fun!

We said goodbye to our year 6 classes. They performed a wonderful production of The Rocky Monster show which we all enjoyed watching and they looked like they enjoyed themselves too.

Matilda Williams and Holly Sherwin



The Eric Swan Sports Ground at The Brittles, Church Lane, Wistaston



After having a summer break, our public bowls group will be returning on 6th September from 2-4pm every Tuesday.

If you would like to come along and join in you will be made very welcome.

No partner or never played before? Not a problem. Bowls will be supplied and coaching on how to play will also be provided.

So why not come and join in? No membership, just pay £3.00 on the afternoon. For more details, contact 07758302647 or just come along.

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We are delighted to present another season of films that raise moral, social, political and spiritual questions, besides offering an opportunity for a brief discussion of these issues afterwards (though there is no obligation to remain once the showing has ended). Our licence does not permit us to publicly name the movies we are showing (short of a prohibitive fee), but here are some hints, while further information is available from Malcolm Crook, m.h.crook@keele.ac.uk

Sunday 23 October	Britain in Crisis, 1940
Sunday 20 November	A Legal Matter of Life and Death
Sunday 11 December	Older Couples Go Dancing
Sunday 8 January	Not in the Public Domain
Sunday 12 February	Growing Up in Northern Ireland
Sunday 12 March	A Good Thief in 1960s Britain?

All movies start at 2.30pm, usually on the second Sunday in the month, but please note the later dates in the months of October and November. There is no charge for admission, but a donation can be made. You may bring your own refreshments. Wells Green Methodist Church is situated just off the junction of Brookland Avenue with the Crewe Road, next door to the Leonard Brothers Veterinary Surgery, CW2 8EJ. We shall look forward to seeing you.

CREWE & NANTWICH RAMBLING CLUB



Rambles will normally take place on Sundays fortnightly throughout the year. There is a choice of approx 6, 9, or 12 miles. Travel by coach with pick-ups at Nantwich, Wistaston & Crewe.

There are also Thursday morning walks throughout the year on a four weekly basis, travelling by car with the option of a pub meal after the walk.

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Two local tennis clubs joined forces to enter a team in a county league

Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club (Church Lane, Wistaston CW2 8EZ) and Crewe Congregational Tennis Club (Gainsborough Rd, Crewe CW2 7PL) combined their best male players for the first time to form a 'Wistaston Congregational' team to compete in the LTA's Cheshire National League (Summer 2022).



Wistaston Congregational played their home matches on their hardcourts in both Wistaston and Crewe and went up against other teams across the county consisting of Bowdon, Hoole, Hoylake, Cheshire Oaks and Heswall. Each team contained four players who competed in a singles and doubles format. Wistaston Congregational finished in fourth place out of the six teams winning 187 games and losing 215 games and will continue in the Cheshire National League next season. Bowdon, who finished top of the league, now go on to play in a Premier Division, where they will take on clubs from the Northern Region.

George Raiswell of Wistaston Congregational said: 'What an enjoyable summer! As a team we have learnt so much and improved so much. We look forward to next season.'

For further information relating to Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club please visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WJtennisclub> , or phone: 01270 560471. For further information relating to Crewe Congregational Tennis Club please visit: <http://www.tennisincrewe.co.uk/>

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Wistaston Village Cricket Club

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At the time of compiling this editorial the current cricketing season will have been in progress for well over two months. By the time this latest editorial finds its way through your letterbox, the **2022** campaign would be coming to the end.

Our **First XI** competing in The Cheshire Cricket League Division 2 have had a somewhat demanding season. Having played eleven fixtures, the cricketing eleven have yet to record their first victory and are second from bottom in their league.

Our **Second XI** who are plying their trade in **The Cheshire Cricket League Division C South/Central** have also played eleven matches and have been victorious in three of them.

The Swans XI (our ladies' team) who participate in **Division 3 West of The Cheshire Women's Cricket League** have after seven matches won two of their fixtures.

Under 9's: Our young players have played eleven matches having won one and drawn another and are having a challenging season so far.

Under 11's: The under 11's have also had a demanding season so far having won two of their opening eleven matches.

Under 13's: Our under thirteens by comparison are having an extremely successful **2022 season** and after completing seven matches have accumulated **65 points** from their matches with a current record of four victories from their opening programme with added points from a match which was conceded by their opponents. They are lying in second position in their league behind **Sandbach** (84 points) who remain undefeated.

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www.creweguardian.co.uk/sport

For those readers who enjoy watching a game of cricket, why not make a detour to The Brittles on a Sunday afternoon, where you will be made very welcome.

Wistaston Cricket Club continues their search for players for the current cricket season, not only to promote but further improve on the great progress achieved over past seasons. As mentioned on many occasions we offer cricket to adults and juniors of **ALL STANDARDS** therefore if you are interested in joining our cricket club please contact Kevin Jobbins:- Tel 483494 in the first instance.

The cricket club holds Bingo evenings every **third Friday** of each month at the **Wistaston pavilion lounge** to raise funds for the cricket club and a warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to join us. Following the summer break, Bingo evenings will recommence on **Friday 16th September 2022 at The Brittles**. For more details please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins (483494)**.

We offer cricket to adults and junior of all standards and we are proud on being very much a child friendly club and have been re-credited with the **E.C.B Club Mark** originally awarded in May 2005. Interested in joining W.V.C.C? Please contact **Kevin Jobbins: Tel 483494** in the first instance.

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

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The group continues the year with some excellent speakers. In May Brian Cullen entertained with his talk about working on Radio Caroline. The June speaker, Eric Newton, talked of his life as a jazz musician, when his difficult start in life did not prevent him from gaining a place at the Music Conservatory in Manchester. He went on to perform in many Jazz Clubs in the areas around Stoke on Trent. He took to busking to fund a trip to Australia to see friends whom he met via a random telephone call. He became well known in the area and went on to raise funds for charity by running marathons whilst playing his clarinet. The Sentinel Newspaper christened him 'the Jazzing Jogger'. In spite of health problems he continued to perform on the streets, only the covid epidemic putting a stop to his enterprises.

Our July speakers were Gavin Palin and Max. They have volunteered as paramedics for the last 20 years and told us a little of the work. They gave a demonstration of the use of defibrillators and explained when and how it would be appropriate to use one.

In August Shelley Aspden from The Ministry of Yoga talked about the benefits of Yoga and the courses which she runs in Crewe. We all experimented with our breathing and posture as she explained the benefits to be gained from simple changes.

There are several activities planned for the coming weeks, including a walk around historic Nantwich, a workshop for making our own hand cream, and a guided tour of Nantwich Church. A coffee morning will be held on 24th September at the Parish Rooms in Nantwich. A Harvest supper will be held at St Luke's Hall in early October where members will enjoy a two course meal.. The book club and monthly lunches continue. The Coach and Horses has proved a popular venue recently.

Originally formed in 1949 it is gratifying to see that Willaston WI is still a popular meeting point for ladies in the surrounding area and in spite of the gap caused by the pandemic we are now back to normal monthly meetings.

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

Just for Fun - Cricket Teasers - Six of the Best (Answers on page 21)



1. What was the official name of the first World Cup?
2. In bowling which cricketing law classifies that throwing to be illegal?
3. Who was the first Caribbean cricketer to be knighted?
4. Which English cricketer was known as 'Bumble'?
5. How many minutes before play should umpires take to the field?
6. Which cricketing country won the first World Cup in 1975?

Wistaston Conservation Group

Hi everyone,

Just a few words about what our group have been doing these past few weeks. Firstly, a lot of our work has been concentrated on general maintenance work, clearing the pathways that soon become overgrown mainly with brambles that find this time of year perfect growing weather.

We have finished the work on the 'Spinney' which is now adorned with various plants and young trees, to replace those that had to be felled as they were found to be unsafe, the area never having been managed properly since it ceased to be a sewage farm many years ago. Many of the new plants and trees have thoughtfully been donated by readers of this magazine, and the materials used in building the paths is totally recycled from other parts of the immediate area, such as wood chipping from the abovementioned felled trees, and fence-screening using coppiced willow wands.

Secondly, another bonus for our work is seeing an increase in the number and variety of wildlife species such as birds, insects, amphibians, and larger animals such as foxes and badgers.

In addition, we have plans to provide a natural plinth in memory of those dearly loved dogs who have sadly passed on, so that bereaved owners can remember their canine companions. This will most probably be sited near to the main path running through Old Covert wood.

Also, a wildflower garden will be established close to the children's recreation area, hopefully providing a splash of colour to be seen by those enjoying their walks.

Finally, may we give a wholehearted thank-you to all those who 'do their bit' to keep the 'Joey' area clean and tidy, with special thanks to Sandy and Mark Wilson for the wonderful wood carvings of the black bears, the woodland spirit-wizard, the larger-than-life owl, and the directional signs for the Spinney.

Don't forget that you can follow what we are doing and where we have done it on Facebook..

Pathway. Working on the paths



The Memorial Area planting.

The conservation group have planted various trees in the Memorial Area to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. This includes a Cherry tree donated by the Wistaston Memorial Hall committee, a Whitebeam from the Flower Club on their Diamond Anniversary and a local resident who kindly donated two Witch Hazels.

To help develop the area around these trees, plugs of Yellow Rattle were planted out. Yellow Rattle is an annual that thrives in grasslands, living a semi-parasitic life by feeding off the roots of nearby grasses. When flowers fade, the brown calyxes in which the tiny seeds ripen can be seen and heard, giving the Rattle its name. Yellow Rattle helps more delicate, traditional species to push their way through and helps create a natural meadow.

Our plan is to foster a pleasant meadow alongside the newly planted trees.

Yellow Rattle - Memorial area.



If anyone would like to speak to us about the work we are doing, have any useful suggestions for future projects, or would like to join our group, we will be working each Monday morning usually in the Joey the Swan area. The exact location is shown on our website, accessed by searching **Wistaston Conservation Group** on the Internet. Don't forget that we can also be followed on **Facebook**.



Thank you to all who bought plants from our recent plant sales, the proceeds will be used to further enhance Wistaston.

Chris Leggett shares his reminiscences with us: **My Memories of Wistaston**

My memories last
Of a lovely past
My living in Wistaston was a safe bet
Leaving as I did, I have many a regret.
In Wistaston I had friends aplenty
Here my happiness was never empty
As a child I would meet up with school mates in Queens Park
And played hide and seek until first dark
I remember the deep freeze of 1963
Skating on the frozen park lake, feeling so free
School at this time was a no go
Freezing fog and three-foot drifts of snow
The milkman with his horse and cart
Delivering milk with an early morning start.
I went to Wizzy Green School on Moreton Road
Near to where I lived, Hargrave Avenue was my abode
With my dear mother
And Stephen, my dear brother
Happy days
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Memorial concert in memory of John White

Christopher and Jonathan pictured after they had unveiled the plaque in memory of their father, John.

Thank you to Jonathan for the narrative and photos



A concert in memory of John White took place at Wistaston Memorial Hall on Church Lane in Wistaston on the evening of Thursday 14th July 2022. The concert was kindly organised by Diane Edge-Robinson (Chair of Wistaston Memorial Hall).

Christopher, John's elder son, spoke prior to the performance by Crewe Concert Band about his father who passed away in July 2020, aged 80, from cancer.

John attended Nantwich and Acton Grammar School before successfully completing a two-year teacher training course at the Alsager College in 1960. His first teaching post was at Monks Coppenhall Primary School in Crewe. John met his future wife, Glenys Furlong, through the newly formed Young Teachers Group (National Union of Teachers) and in 1968 they married and moved to their new home in White Hart Lane, Wistaston. They both became involved in village life in Wistaston. In January 1969, John was appointed Deputy Headteacher at Wistaston Berkeley Primary School. His two sons, Christopher (1969) and Jonathan (1971) were born during this period. John's final teaching post was when he was appointed Headteacher at Leighton Park Primary School in Crewe. John retired after thirty-seven years of teaching in 1997.

On retirement John was involved in several local groups including the Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club of which he was an inaugural member, the Wistaston Duck Race & Model Boat Race, Britain in Bloom, the Remembrance Day Service, the Annual Hall Quiz, Wistaston Village Fete, the Retired Teachers group, the U3A Local History group leader, and music concerts. Santa often made an appearance at Christmas events and looked quite familiar!

John loved Wistaston but he especially loved the Wistaston Memorial Hall and his role on the Hall's Management Committee. He was always very conscious of the fact that the Hall is a living memorial to the 16 men of Wistaston who gave their lives for our freedom. He organised the Remembrance Day Service and devoted considerable time to researching one of the 16 men each year.

The concert featured music from Crewe Concert Band, conducted by Musical Director Adam Shilton, which were all expertly performed by the band to an appreciative audience. The concert contained several examples of John's favourite music including Light and Tuneful (BBC Wimbledon theme), selections from Les Misérables and The Floral Dance. A video of the concert is available on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/user/jono1971>



Wistaston Guiding Report

Alison reported from Wells Green 3rd Wistaston Guides that they had fun at their Guide camp in August - with an 'I'm a Survivor' giving it a festival twist theme when they made Paracord bracelets and floral headbands. They had a go at grass sledging and a blindfold trail, had a "bush trucker" trial complete with witchetty grubs (Girlguiding style!), had to find hidden stars and fish for stars as well as finding stars in the sky!"



Teresa commented from St Mary's Rainbow group (5 to 7 year old girls) that they are looking for volunteers to help with their sessions Thursdays 17.00 until 18.00 term time only. Working on the Girlguiding programme all volunteers will undertake training and a Girlguiding DBS will be provided. If you are interested in helping Rainbows "look, learn, laugh and love" please contact Teresa Hoper for more information tjhoper@googlemail.com



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Our next event is a Pop-Up Charity Shop, selling good quality clothes and accessories at low prices. If you have any 'as new' women's clothes or accessories you are able to donate, please bring them to our hub by 30th September.

We'd like to invite you to join us for our Pop-Up Charity shop on 15th October. It will be held at The Georges, from 1-5pm. As well as good quality women's clothes and accessories, we will have refreshments available and a raffle with a prize every time.

We are still collecting items for our Recycling for Good Causes scheme - old/broken jewellery (including costume jewellery), coins, stamps, mobile phones, cameras, sat navs and gaming systems- these can be dropped off at our offices Monday-Thursday 10-4. The items are all recycled rather than going to landfill and we get money for our projects so it's a winner all round! We also collect bras, any condition, again drop off at our hub.

Please do follow us on social media - Facebook - Motherwell Cheshire Where Women and Girls Matter; Twitter - @motherwellches

Answers to quiz on page 13

- 1. The Prudential World Cup. 2. Law 24. 3. Frank Worrell.**
- 4. David Lloyd. 5. 5 minutes. 6. West Indies.**



NATURE ARTICLE

Early April and two great spotted woodpeckers in our tree, but no interest in hanging fat or bark; later a male blackcap in hedgerow, its cap so conspicuous as to be identified by naked eye from inside house, some twenty yards away. Hilary's first swallow was seen on wires above the golf range at Moston, 14 April. A spate of butterflies arrived in the warm Easter weather, notably orange tip, small white and blue. 10 May and a buzzard was mobbed by a crow relentlessly, and five swifts were screaming. Mid May and the treat of a brimstone moth (*Opisthograptis luteolata*), family *Geometridae*, meaning an association with measurement as caterpillars look to be measuring ground with their looping action. This beautiful creature stayed all day fixed to a window – bright yellow with small markings on edge of wings. It flies particularly May/July, twiglike larva feeding on hawthorn, blackthorn and plum, so has a food source easy to acquire.

It is surprising that it is droves of starling fledgelings that grab the forefront of youngsters at our feeders, the adults quite rare with us the rest of the year. Rook and jackdaw youngsters were virtually the only other birds to grace our lawn; little sign of young of other species.



Our thanks to Margaret Skerratt for pictures of rook and apparently Albino greenfinch.

She is lucky to have greenfinches at all, our only one so far this year in tree beside driveway to allotments at Jackson's Corner.



Late June and swifts more common, along with the inevitable buzzards. A delight to see two young great spotted woodpeckers, plumage duller than in adults, alighting on our tree to feed on fat-block.

We have had two experiences of a magpie attacking young birds, even with parents around. Blackbird did not survive the vicious pecking, and jackdaw, the much larger bird, was saved by disturbance. The athleticism and confidence of another magpie enabled it to pounce on, and fly away with, a pork rind, enabling it to outmanoeuvre a larger, but shier, gull.

It just remains for us to enjoy the summer weather while it lasts.

Our thanks to all contributors.
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This year, more than ever, has reminded me of our interdependence with one another and with the earth. The terrible invasion of Ukraine in January has had the knock on effect for Europe of higher prices for food and energy. For some in the world though, with grain not being shipped, it's meant that famine and death are a real possibility. For the Ukrainian people it has meant the destruction of their beautiful country, displacement of their people, fear and, sadly, death.

On the 19 July we had a new temperature record for the UK set at 40°C, we have had wildfires in the UK as a result and much of Europe has suffered from even worse fires and loss of life and here more and more hosepipe bans have been put in place. All this a stark reminder of climate change and the effect it has on the world. This is the backdrop to Harvest this year. Harvest Celebrations are a time to celebrate God's goodness and his provision for us. Why not join us this year for our Harvest service at St Mary's on Sunday 2nd October at 10:40am. We will be thanking God for his Goodness and remembering those for whom war and climate change have changed their lives this year. Full details will be on your website nearer the time: stmaryswistaston.org.uk.

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Before the summer break our members have been working on characterisation, not only as people, but as animals and inanimate objects! Some very humorous sketches!

We plan on continuing to develop life skills including teamwork, communication, building confidence and rising to the challenge of creating their own pieces of improvised drama.

As well as working on basic stagecraft, voice work and general performance we provide the young people with the opportunity to explore their creative skills and working as part of a team. Our sessions are fully interactive and great fun!

Are you interested in having fun with your friends whilst showing off your dramatic side? If so, then Wistaston Drama Academy would be delighted to meet you. We are always interested in welcoming young people from our community aged 8 onwards to be part of this long standing, award winning drama group.

We meet every Saturday morning from 10.30am to 12.45pm at Wistaston Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston CW2 8ER.

So, don't delay! We have limited places available to join this vibrant, energetic, creative drama group!

Looking forward to meeting you soon.

For more information: www.wistastonyoungdramagroup.weebly.com

email: wydg@hotmail.co.uk or contact Judy 07506022709 or 01270 650341



Wistaston Singers

Autumn Concert

3pm Saturday 1st October 2022 Come and join us at St Stephens Church, Gainsborough Road, Crewe

Tickets priced £7 (£3 for under 16 year olds) include refreshments during the interval. The concert lasts about 2 hours.

Come and listen to some wonderful, uplifting singing performed by our ever expanding and popular Choir There is music to suit all tastes (though perhaps not heavy rock!)

Tickets are available on the door but may be purchased or reserved in advance from Mandy Ramsden - 07920 449543.

Car Parking is available at Ruskin Road College

(Although we now have over 50 singers there is always room for more! If you are interested in joining a friendly choir then please come along to a rehearsal or contact Mandy. We rehearse every Wednesday 7.30 -9.30pm at Gainsborough Road Junior School, Belgrave Road. No auditions are needed!)



Wistaston Flower Club

In May we celebrated our Diamond Anniversary, with a stunning demonstration from Mark Entwistle (from Sandbach) and Jacqui Owen (from Nantwich). Members received a cupcake, a glass of prosecco and a commemorative lilac tote bag to celebrate the event.



To celebrate our Diamond event and the Queen's platinum jubilee a tree has been planted at Joey the Swan. Pictured are members of the committee who together with Dave O'Hara helped plant the tree with the wonderful Latin name of *Sorbus aria Majestica* which we thought quite apt!

As a large group of flower lovers we are keen to share enthusiasm for our hobby and skills. In addition to the demonstrations we offer seasonal flower arranging sessions for all ages and abilities, in an informal setting.

In September we welcome Delyth Price from Llangadog, Carmarthenshire with her title 'The Wonder of Wales'. Delyth is a National Demonstrator, florist and is twice a Chelsea Gold medallist.

For more information about our activities please contact Caryn Murray (07530682196 or carynmurray24@gmail.com) or Judy Gratton (07506022709 or judy.gratton@live.co.uk).

South Cheshire Wildlife Trust is now meeting at a new venue - Acton Parish Hall, Acton CW5 8LG on the Chester Road just outside Nantwich on the following dates.

Monday 17th October 2022 at 7.30pm Jeff Clarke will speak about bird behaviour - 'Why They Flock'

Monday 21st November 2022 7.30pm Stephen Barlow, volunteer at Natural England's Whixall Moss and a talented photographer, will discuss the 'Ecology of the Moss, its Plants and Flowers'.



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WISTASTON IN BLOOM



This year we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Our planting theme was to use bedding in the colour of red, white and blue wherever possible and on the Jacksons Corner bed and the Beech Drive bed to highlight the seventy years of the Queen's reign.

All the flower beds, display boxes and half-barrels were all prepared and ready for judging for the Britain in Bloom (North West) competition in mid-July but the judging date was pushed back to the 11 August. Fortunately, this has given the beds time to recover from the very dry, extremely hot weather we had in July.

Let us hope we have done enough to win the 'Gold' Award again which we have won previously in 2018, 2019 and 2021.

Many thanks for the work carried out by Crewe Road Nurseries, the Conservation Group, the Park Ranger, litter pickers and residents who all play their part in preparing the village for judging.

Finally, thanks to Wistaston Parish Council, Wistaston Community Council and Graham Tressider & Son, Crewe and Nantwich Funeral Services, for their financial support this year.

Bill Heath : Secretary



WISTASTON JUBILEE TENNIS CLUB

The Club is situated behind the Memorial Hall in Church Lane with two floodlit hard courts.

Social tennis remains very strong with groups playing on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

The Club entered two teams into the South and Mid-Cheshire Tennis League. Our first team gained promotion from Division 2 to Division 1 but unfortunately our second team did not do so well and were relegated to Division 5.

Junior Coaching is available during the early evening – contact our coach, George Raiswell on 07752 789492.

Club membership fees until 31/03/2023 are as follows:

£80 adult – aged 18 and over.

£55 student – aged 18 and over and in full time education.

£40 Junior – aged under 18 and in full time education.

£30 off-peak – Monday to Friday 2pm to 6pm (Adult/Student/Junior).

Members joining after 1st October pay 60% of the above fees.

For further information contact:

Bill Heath Chairman and Membership Secretary, 01270 560471.

Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre



Pictured are some of the Trustees of the Hall with a tree being donated to Wistaston Conservation Group as part of the 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' initiative. The tree has now been planted at Joey the Swan.

After some considerable time, we are able to report that there is full internet capacity for use by the hirers of the Hall.

When the Hall was built in 1947 it was deemed to be a temporary structure, and it is our long term plan to look at building a new Hall which is fit for purpose and which will continue to be a fitting memorial for the sixteen men of Wistaston who lost their lives during the Second World War. We are working with Action with Communities in Rural England who are a national charity providing support to deliver a project such as ours. One of the first actions will be to survey our residents. This is a preliminary survey to determine the value of the Hall to the community it serves. We are keen to understand your views of this important parish asset and how you think it could be better utilised within the community in the future and also what improvements, if any, should be considered in its development.

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Wistaston's Duck Race and Children's Model Boat Race is back!



The annual Wistaston 'Duck Race and Children's Model Boat Race' makes a welcome return after the pandemic on Saturday 10th September 2022 at the Joey the Swan recreation ground in Wistaston.

The stalls and fun games open from 1pm. Admission to the event is free!

There are prizes for the 3 competitions that children can enter so start building your boat now.

1. Best designed, homemade, children's model boat - judging is at 2:10pm.
2. Children's model boat race - starts at 2:30pm.
3. The Duck Race - starts at 3:15pm.

Duck Race tickets are £1 each - ducks available on the day.

The event is organised by volunteer members of the Wistaston Community village events team and their representative said, 'Please come and support this popular event. We hope that it will be a quacking success and raise much needed money for our local community charities and towards financing our other village events for everyone to enjoy.'

Thank you to Jonathan White for narrative and photo.