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*Wistaston Community Council launches
a new website for our community*

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the homepage of the Wistaston Community Website. The browser's address bar shows the URL www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk. The website header features the Wistaston Community Council logo (a swan) and the title "Wistaston Community Website". Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, News, Events, Articles, Gallery, Clubs & Societies, Links, Contact, Get Involved, About, and Search.

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Wistaston Community Website" and contains a photograph of a sign for the community. Below the photo, there are three paragraphs of text: a welcome message, a description of the volunteer group, and an invitation to contribute. Below this text is a section titled "Help us with some questions about Wistaston....." with a sub-heading "What do you like about living in our village?" and a short paragraph of text.

The right column is titled "Latest News" and lists several news items with their dates, including "Portrait Bench Nominations Needed" and "The Laurie Twiss Trophy for Journalism - 2010". Below the news items is a section titled "Upcoming Events" with a list of events such as "Nantwich Players - We Happy Few (First Night)" and "George Formby Ukulele Society Concert". Below the events is a "Weather Forecast" section from BBC Weather, providing details for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, including temperature ranges and wind speeds. At the bottom of the right column is a "Live Weather" section with a link to the Wistaston Weather Station.

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Editorial

As can be seen from the cover of this edition the Wistaston Community Council has launched its new website. You will be able to check up on dates, events etc. that are going on in and around Wistaston. You will be able to view Roundabout too!! The website will complement Roundabout magazine in keeping up to date with what is happening in our community.

Very many thanks for the continued splendid support that you all give to Roundabout for without your contributions and advertisements it would not exist! Please continue to send in your articles for our Summer edition – due out in early June – by 15 April 2011.

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Dates for your Diary

Fri. 1 April 2011	Spring Concert
Sat. 9 April 2011	Swan Spring Sale
Sat. 18 June 2011	Village Fete
Sat. 20 August 2011	Flower and Produce Show
Sat. 3 Sept. 2011	Duck Race
Tue. 25 Oct. 2011	Annual Memorial Hall Quiz
Sat. 5 Nov. 2011	Firework Display
Sun. 13 Nov. 2011	Remembrance Service

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Farewell from our Chairman



After 10 years as Chairman of Wistaston Community Council I am stepping down due to the commitments of work which are taking me away from Wistaston. It has been both an honour and a pleasure to serve as Chairman and I would like to thank the WCC

Committee members, past and present, for their very valuable support both to me and more especially for the activities of WCC. I would also like to thank all those additional volunteers and supporters who are not on the Committee who have also helped us during this time.

Without the efforts of any of these people we would not have been able to run our many events through the year. I plan to stay associated with WCC making occasional visits to committee meetings and to help with our events. I am also a member of the Wistaston Sports and Leisure Association and Memorial Hall committees and will continue to support these when possible while handing over to other WCC representatives.

The Community Council continues to grow with two new members joining us this year already but we would like more. So if you are also interested in helping us to run or organise any of the many events you see featured in Roundabout then please visit our web site www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk, email us at editor@wistastoncommunity.co.uk or phone 01270 219 606

With warm regards

Ian Gould

Past Chairman

Wistaston Community Council Donations for 2010

Each year the Wistaston Community Council holds events in the village 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 our biggest fund raising event of the year. We aim to help individuals or groups where a small donation would help with their local efforts. If you would like to know more about obtaining such a grant please send your details to the Secretary of the Community Council, 54 Sandylands Park, Tele 01270 664467. Below we set out the recipients of our donations for 2010:

Wistaston Village Cricket Club; Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club; West Street Christian Fellowship; Myra Wood's Choir's Charity; Liberty Morris Dancers; Crewe Sea Cadets; The Firefighters Charity; Church Lane School; Special Olympics Cheshire Academy; Wistaston Indoor Bowling Association; Royal British Legion; Children's Society; Action for Children; St Mary's Church Hall

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**Wistaston Memorial Hall
Bowling Club**

There are vacancies for new members to join our club.
We are a very friendly club so if anyone is interested
in joining for the 2011 season please contact the
Secretary, Mrs B Davies, 15 Sandylands Park,
Wistaston. Tele: 01270 661610. The Green opens in
March and continues through until September.

We have Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday
afternoons for social bowling where we welcome new
members and help anyone with little or no knowledge
of Crown Green Bowls to improve and enjoy a friendly
game of bowls. There are bowls in the pavilion which
can be borrowed until such time as members purchase
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We also have a varied social calendar including
holidays, friendly games with other local clubs, days
out and buffet style teas on the Green on our club
competition days.

Why don't you join us and see for yourselves what
an enjoyable afternoon you can have. You can be
assured of a warm welcome and make new friends
within our club.

We look forward to hearing from you. Full details
of the Green activities will be sent to you on receipt of
your application.

Beryl Davies
Secretary

**Wistonian
of the Year**

**It is with great
pleasure that
Maureen Bellis is
announced as the
2010 Wistonian
of the Year.**



Maureen was born in Church Lane, Wistaston and can call herself a true 'born and bred' Wistonian and in 1977 she and her husband Malcolm came to live at their present address in Wistaston. She was involved in the Wistaston Jubilee Committee of 1977 which organised local celebrations for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. After these celebrations the Wistaston Community Council was formed in which Maureen became significantly involved for twenty years acting as committee member and treasurer for many years. During the 1990s Maureen was the '100 Club' coordinator for ten years during which time many thousands of pounds were raised for good causes in and around Wistaston.

Out of the Jubilee celebrations two particular developments were instigated in which Maureen participated with great dedication and enthusiasm. She encouraged, supported and aided her husband to become the first editor of the village magazine Roundabout for all the inhabitants 'round about' Wistaston. Also from the 1977 celebrations the Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Association (now Club) was formed on the two courts behind the Wistaston Memorial Hall and Maureen and her family were founder members of this new facility. Maureen was a committee member and Membership Secretary for many years.

Maureen was elected to the Wistaston Parish Council and served for eight years becoming Chairman of the parish Council in 1993-94 when she supported the scheme to buy the land which became the Brittles Sports ground and was the driving force behind the construction of the Sensory Garden at Joey the Swan and was responsible for the original design and planting of it. She also organised the clearing and planting of several areas which improved Wistaston in the Civic Pride competition which Wistaston won in 1993.

She became Governor at the Wistaston Westfield Infants School and was its Chair for seven years. During this time she was able to bring her expertise and experiences as an early years teacher herself to work with the Headteacher ensuring there was nursery provision on the campus affording continuity in education from 3 years to 11.

Maureen's previous experiences in banking have been greatly valued in the many associations for which she became treasurer - Crewe and Nantwich Teachers association; Crewe and Nantwich U3A and she is at present treasurer of the Hall Management Committee of the Memorial Hall.

Maureen is also involved with the WRVS Home-Library Service taking books to house-bound people around South Cheshire.

Maureen therefore fully deserves the award of Wistonian of the Year 2010.



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Eric Swan - A local legacy...



Photo shows Helen from Kendlebell presenting a cheque for £400.

The Up And Under Group -

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We all have people in our lives who act as a catalyst and influence us for years to come. Eric from Wistaston was just such a person to many of us before his untimely death a few years ago. As well as being an active community minded person helping a number of local groups and founding The Brittles playing fields and sports centre situated behind Church Lane Schools for the benefit of the village, he was an inspirational teacher at the old Crewe Boys Grammar School, Ruskin Road, too. As one teenager found out just in time.....

A young 15 year old pupil of Eric's called Andy Fewtrell had little interest in being at school, sitting at a desk was the last place he wanted to be. Eric understood this and included Andy in a school trip into the Welsh mountains one summer weekend over 30 years ago. Part of the hike involved the group splitting into 2 sections, scaling several mountain tops and then meeting up later in the day. Eric gave the responsibility of leading the second group to Andy and off they went.

No one had ever trusted Andy before to such a huge degree. Eric saw Andy's leadership potential even then, and given this was before health and safety, first aid appointed people and risk assessment were compulsory it was quite something. Andy rose to the challenge and his heart became fired up with the fact that someone at the school actually believed in him, and he wasn't going to let Eric down.

Many years later after studying Civil Engineering at University it was the self belief, the seeds of which had been sown many years earlier by Eric that led Andy to set up his own business in Crewe offering high access rope work and maintenance involving climbing and getting into similar difficult challenges as he had found on that first school adventure in Wales.

This Company is now called The Up And Under Group and is based at Quakers Coppice in Crewe with a multi million pound annual turnover fulfilling government contracts from repairing the Thelwall Viaduct to offshore marine installations all over the world.

After Andy had attended Eric's funeral a few years ago he worked with Eric's family to found a bursary in Eric's name to help local, disadvantaged, youngsters have the same challenges Andy did and build their

confidence, and ultimately help improve their C.V's ready for the work place.

More information about Eric's Bursary and its aims can be found here:

<http://www.upandundergroup.com/community.html>

All admin costs are paid for by Andy's company so the youngsters get the full benefit of any donations. Do please take a look at a really worthwhile charity that is growing and rapidly attracting interest from various sectors of our community.

As you may know, our retiring Chairman here at the Community Council, Ian Gould, is a director at Kendlebell, his wife Helen's telephone answering service business that supports local businesses and helps them grow stronger too. The Kendlebell team were pleased to make The Eric Swan Bursary one of their benefiting local charities. The staff there have raised money all last year and last week presented Andy with a cheque for £400 to continue the good work, again, with a youngster from Ruskin Road school - which is just across Nantwich Road from their own Kendlebell offices above Bridgfords Estate Agents.

We hope this will help another teenager have more faith in his own abilities, and maybe go on to greater things as a result too. Who knows what the future may hold ... another inspirational Eric, or Andy, maybe ...

Andy Fewtrell

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Testament Troubles? Try Trusts!

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Bowcock Cuerden Legal Help Column. Once again I am talking to David Bevan, Head of the Private Client Team, this time on the subject of Trusts

David, my initial thoughts are that Trusts are the sort of thing owners of stately homes draw up to ensure that their heirs comply with certain conditions to receive some or all of their inheritance, such as attaining a certain age or getting married. Also, they often seem to be a motive for dirty deeds in Drawing Rooms in Agatha Christie books.

The history of the Trust can be traced back to the time of the Crusades, when the departing Knight would leave his land in the hands of a trusted friend, often to find that the "Trustee" refused to hand them back when he returned. During the 16th Century, bequests to children but not to others were taxed, so a wealthy individual would leave property to someone else he could trust, to apply it for the benefit of his children.

Very interesting, but I am guessing things are a little more formal these days?

Yes they are, it is worth remembering that capital taxation in its various forms originally was intended to apply only to the wealthiest persons but that, over the decades, its "bite" has come to be spread much wider, particularly given property price increases. Trusts were once frequently made by the wealthiest as assets placed into some types of Trusts were ignored for Inheritance Tax purposes.

But not any more?

No, the rules were changed a few years ago and many of the tax benefits of Trusts have now been diminished, but they do still have asset protection advantages as well as some tax benefits, especially for farmers and business owners.

I know we have covered this before but remind me of the basic Inheritance Tax rules.

Put very simply, the first £325,000 of an Estate is generally free from Inheritance Tax as are any gifts made 7 years before the death. In the context of Trusts, if a Trust is created in the lifetime of the Settlor, they could transfer up to £325,000 tax free and after 7 years create another Trust for £325,000, or whatever the limit is at that time. A married couple can both do this independently and in this way a very substantial amount can be passed down the family with no tax liability.

OK, so who is involved in a Trust?

Firstly we have the owner of the asset who is known

as the Settlor, then there are the persons appointed to manage the Trust who are, of course, known as the Trustees and finally the person who will receive some benefit from the Trust.

Who I assume is called the Beneficiary.

Yes, or Beneficiaries as there may be more than one.

The Settlor and Beneficiary are fairly obvious, but who can be named Trustee?

That depends on the wishes of the Settlor and the nature of the asset, but most commonly there are 2 Trustees, usually a trusted friend or family member and perhaps an Accountant or Solicitor to deal with the technical or legal side of things.

And what can be placed into a Trust?

Rather than do a long list I think it is easier to simply say that most assets can be placed in a Trust which can be created during the Settlor's lifetime or contained in a person's Will.

That seems fairly straightforward but I cannot help but wonder what is the relevance to the good people of Wistaston? We are rather posh but not overly endowed with Stately Homes and landed Gentry.

That may be true, but there are numerous circumstances where a Trust can be a useful part of planning how to leave your assets to the next generation.

Do go on.

There are two basic types of Trust, a Lifetime Trust and a Will Trust. The reasons for making either type of Trust can be very similar. In essence the objective is often to ensure that the Settlor knows that their assets will not be frittered away or even cause additional problems to beneficiaries who may have drug or alcohol problems or be facing marital problems.

A Will Trust is created on the death of the Settlor and is contained in their Will, but the Trust gives the Settlor more control and peace of mind than a basic Will.

It would allow you to go beyond the "I leave all my worldly goods to my 3 children"?

Yes, that's a bit simplistic even for a basic Will but with a Trust you can specify not only who gets what, but also how and when.

And the Lifetime version?

Similar principle to the Will Trust but the Settlor must be able to place the asset into the Trust when it is drawn up and it will no longer be treated as their asset. For example £10,000 given to a Trust in a Will remains the Settlor's asset until death, whereas £10,000 in a Lifetime Trust will become the property of the Trust at

the time of the transfer and the Trust assets will then be administered by the Trustees.

OK, let's consider a few examples

Fine, but if we remember that the main benefit of any Trust is that it gives the owner of the asset more control of the "who, what and when" the examples fit both kinds of Trusts, it is simply a matter of when you wish to transfer the asset, either during or after your life.

A typical example could be to ensure assets remain in the family in a case where a married couple have 2 children and then one of the couple subsequently dies and the surviving partner remarries and has further children with their new partner. Anyone wishing to leave assets to the 2 original children but not to the new family can easily achieve this with a Trust, resulting in peace of mind for the Settlor and a vastly reduced chance of legal challenges to the Will.

I am remembering we said "control over who, what and when" and I am thinking that it is a neat little slogan for the advantages of Trusts

Yes, I think that's right. It is possible to stipulate that a beneficiary will not receive anything until a certain age or even by installments over a period. It is possible to leave unequal shares between children or let, for example, 2 children inherit immediately and a further, perhaps younger, vulnerable child inherit later. The provisions of Trusts are very flexible and consequently the permutations are endless.

I am thinking we have probably made our point and any further examples are unnecessary, is there any other Trust related information which may be useful?

Just one point. The Settlor can give the Trustees some discretion on when and how they distribute the Trust. Not surprisingly, this is called a Discretionary Trust and it allows the Trustees to react to particular needs and circumstances and do what is right for the beneficiary.

Yet more flexibility, I can now understand how Trusts can be useful to many people considering how to deal with their estate.

They are not appropriate for everyone but the complexities of modern families and the natural desire of anyone to ensure their wishes are honoured after their death make Trusts a useful device in estate planning, particularly for those who are wanting to make a Will but are afraid to do so because they think a basic Will alone may not meet their needs.

As usual David, thank you for your time.

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

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

Graeme Barber

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Cynthia Lomax



It is with great sadness that we have to report the early tragic death of Cynthia Lomax who has for the last twenty years and more played such a significant part within so many aspects of the Community of Wistaston.

She was an original member of the Wistaston Community Committee, now Council involving herself in all its varying activities. Cynthia was an invaluable member of the Village Fete team, of the Fireworks Display and of course the Flower and Produce Show where she made amazingly intricate designs in the specialised flower classes and walked away with first prizes. She was a valued member of the Wistaston Gardeners' Society where her love of plants and her seeking after knowledge could have full rein.

Perhaps, however, it was with the Wistaston in Bloom Committee that she really blossomed where her knowledge of plants combined with her creative and artistic ability enabled her to create designs for the raised beds around the village especially that at Jacksons Corner which has been planted over the last few years to Cynthia's own particular design notably the stunning 2010's *100 Years of Guiding* and this year she had already decided on the plants down to the last detail to represent *The Story of Joey the Swan* and celebrate the eightieth anniversary of his arrival.

Last year all the hard work of Cynthia and the Wistaston in Bloom Committee came to fruition when they were awarded the Silver Gilt Medal by the Royal Horticultural Society.

Her thirst for knowledge also came to the fore in her love of and for team quizzes. In the Memorial Hall's quiz she was twice in the winning team when representing the Tennis Club 'B' team whilst in the Inter Village Quiz she represented Wistaston in the village team that competed all over the villages of Cheshire.

Cynthia will be greatly missed as we cannot afford to lose someone of her calibre.

With thanks to John White for his contributions to this article.

St Marys Bellringers

A New Hobby?

- Have you ever thought you would like a new hobby?
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Frank Morton

Tower Secretary

Jonathan White introduces us to Jon Eyes home-based electronic weather station which is absolutely fascinating!

I've been following a Wistaston resident on the Internet in recent weeks. Jon Eyes owns a home-based electronic weather station which he's linked to the World Wide Web:

<http://www.duncreggan.f2s.com/weather/wistaston.html>.

He's also setup the weather station to send out a short message known as a tweet via computer over the Internet every 30 minutes. The tweet contains brief information from the weather station including the local temperature, humidity, barometric pressure and wind speed.

The weather station Twitter address is:

http://twitter.com/Wistaston_Wx.

It's been fascinating to see how far below zero the temperature has dropped during the night-time over the Winter!

Jonathan White



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Wistaston Conservation Group

The recent very cold weather has hindered some of our projects, mainly due to the ground being more like concrete than earth.

Tree planting: By the time you read this, we will have received our allocation of young tree whips from Cheshire Landscape Trust, and will, if the weather allows, have planted them in various parts of the recreation grounds.

Our willing volunteers have erected 6 tree guards across the recreation ground, where we are improving the "Oak Avenue". We should have the Oak trees in the near future, for planting. Hopefully, the guards will protect the trees from vandalism and mowing until they are established, and can look after themselves.

Greenway: The Group was invited to attend the opening of the first part of the Crewe to Nantwich Greenway, from King George V playing fields to the Rising Sun, on December 1st. This path is a considerable asset to the area and, when finished next year, will provide a safe route from Crewe to Nantwich both on foot and bicycle. This will be great for that improved fitness you promised yourself in your New Year's resolutions.

The Group has agreed to carry out a tree planting project, along the presently completed section of the path in Wistaston, when the surrounds have settled sufficiently.

Streams: Possibly due to the efforts of some of our young people, the confluence of the Valley and Wistaston Brooks was completely blocked, and both streams were backing up dangerously.

We are indebted to the Environment Agency staff who came along, removed all the debris, and cleared both streams, so that they now flow cleanly.

This was done during a really cold spell, but the team seemed to be used to being waist deep in freezing cold water; rather than me. The Group wishes to thank them for their efforts on our behalf.

Dog fouling: We have had some feedback after the last note in Roundabout, and we are in contact with the Cheshire East Community Dog team to see whether we can

improve the number of dog bins along our paths.

This is especially required along the new Greenway, where there are presently no bins at all.

Future projects: We have several projects in the pipeline, but would like to hear from anyone who has any ideas on Conservation issues in Wistaston. I can be contacted on 661066.

Group membership: The Group is always looking out for new members; we are only a very small group. We presently need a

Secretary, so if there is anyone in the area interested in Conservation work, and good with a pen and computer, we would love to hear from you.

Looking forward to better weather to allow us to continue to improve our environment.

John M Wood

Chairman, Wistaston Conservation Group.

Ella Alton's second prize winning entry for the Laurie Twiss Award entitled *Earnest Aliens Integrate into Wistaston!*

THE CHURCH LANE DAILY SWAN

Earnest Aliens Integrate into Wistaston!

On the 18th September 2010 at 1:00am, a UFO landed on Church Lane.

The spaceship contained a family of aliens, who have fled their home land, 'Kalaguay' because of the space war currently destroying their home.

The police were called immediately, and they declared the area safe, and the inhabitants of the UFO, harmless.

Brave villagers plucked up the courage to speak to the strange creatures; and surprisingly, they spoke perfect English!

"They were very friendly" said Miss Eldridge of the

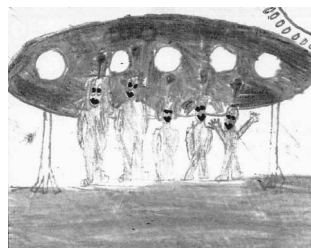
Cheshire Council, who first approached the aliens.

"They told us who they were, and why they had come here, and how scared they were. They were very polite!"

The family, containing mother Bambina, father Derezek, and triplets Traliaz, Zafira and Bob, have all fully integrated themselves into the community, joining various clubs including the Bowls Club, Trampolining, creative writing and Warhammer.

The triplets have started at Wistaston Church Lane Primary School and have settled in well making lots of new friends. Bambina and Derezek yesterday gained their British Citizenship and now are official citizens of the UK.

What's more, the villagers love their new extra terrestrial neighbours - it seems that the family are here to stay!"



From left: Bambina, Derezek, Traliaz, Zafira and Bob

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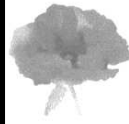
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Wistaston Church Lane School Report

Life continues to be very busy at Wistaston Church Lane. Many visits have taken place during the last couple of terms. Year Five visited Ford Green Hall and Year Three children went to the Regent Theatre in Hanley to watch *Horrible History: Awful Egyptians*. Year Four pupils also visited the Regent Theatre to watch *Horrible Science*. In January the same children travelled to Chester to learn about the Roman history of the city. Year Four pupils also thoroughly enjoyed their residential visit to Burwardsley where they did lots of walking, learning about the environment. They also tried an archaeological dig. Year Six pupils have just returned from their visit to France where they had a wonderful time using their language skills, visiting local towns and cities and learning about everyday life in France. They were pleased to hear exciting news from the farm they visit each year. Cru (a cow named on our first visit five years ago) has had a calf named Fleur.

Before Christmas Year Six children were learning about life during World War Two. They took part in an 'Evacuee Day' where they all came to school to learn dressed as evacuees, interviewing war-time evacuees and learning about life during the period. They also slept in school overnight as part of their war-time sleepover, learning about some of the air raid precautions that were taken.

Our annual Healthy School Week was once again a huge success. Designed to raise awareness of healthy lifestyles, many cooking activities take place, including soup making in Year Three. Visitors to school included the WFU and Sainsbury's. Children visited Shavington Leisure Centre.

Year One have been learning about toys and the way they have changed over the decades. Nantwich Museum came in to school to talk about toys through history. At the end of their topic the children came in to school dressed as toys.

We are very grateful to have such dedicated fundraisers working to help the school. The Friends of the School raised almost £3000 through their Christmas Fair. They are working with the School Council to fund their ideas.

Our three Christmas shows this year were very popular. Children in Foundation and Year One performed the Nursery Rhyme Nativity. Children in Years Two and Three put on a terrific show called *The Xmas Factor*, a fun show which explained how God carefully chose all of the people that he wanted to be part of the Christmas story. Children in Years Four, Five and Six put together a wonderful performance of *Oliver Twist*. Well over 400 people came to watch their performance of the popular musical.

Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre

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The **twenty trustees** on the **Management Committee** continue to ensure that the hall is well cared for and improved as necessary, often with the support of the Wistaston Parish Council who are the custodial trustees of it.

Through the Business Plan, prepared by Brian Edge, the following recent improvements have been made:

- **New cupboards** set up to replace the old wooden cupboards belonging to the Parish Council, in the Dudley room.
- **External lighting** erected in three places around the car park
- **Replacement frontage** and new door to the storage shed, previously referred to as the garage. Several community groups use this storage facility.

The Parish Council kindly contributed to the cost of these three projects.

- The **boiler house** now has a new door and the guttering is mended
- The **side rooms** – Holmes and Dudley rooms – have been decorated by Herbert Locke and his assistant.

Events which have been planned for 2011 include:

- The **Memorial Hall's Swan Spring Sale on Saturday 9th April** from 2pm to 4pm. This is a new event and succeeds the Wistaston Community Council's Swan Fair. For details of this fair, please contact the organiser Herbert Locke (Tel: 01270 665664). Tables cost = £5. Stalls can be setup from 1pm. This is a table-top sale plus refreshments in the Dudley room. Why not have a stall and sell all those not-used items from your Spring Cleaning?
- The **16th Annual Duck Race and Children's Model Boat Race** will be held at the Joey the Swan recreation ground on **Saturday 3rd September**. Charity stalls are available free of charge – contact Glenys White (Tel: 01270 661484). Stalls open at 1pm, the boat race starts at 2:30pm and the duck race starts at 3:15pm – prizes for all winners.
- The **Memorial Hall's Annual Quiz** will be held in the main Armitage hall on **Tuesday 25th October**, starting at 7:30pm for the Fred Lorimer Trophy. Tables of four participants @ £5. Contact John White (Tel: 01270 661484) to book a table. Light refreshments will be available.
- The 2011 **Service of Remembrance** will be held at 3pm at the hall on **Sunday 13th November**.

The Memorial Hall was opened on Saturday 26th March **1949** as a memorial to the **sixteen** men from Wistaston who perished during the Second World War. A permanently illuminated plaque containing their names is situated above the hall's main entrance.

John White, Chairman

14 Westfield Drive, Wistaston. Tel. 661484



Who on what occasion?

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

I know that the photograph was taken in the back garden of 12 Westfield Drive, Wistaston and the lady kneeling on the lawn was Mrs Pauline Hardy, the first wife of Mr Fred Hardy BSc (Hons), a significant engineer in the development of the Merlin engine for

Spitfires and the Cromwell tank at the Rolls-Royce factory in Crewe. Fred Hardy designed the property at 12 Westfield Drive and several events took place in the large back garden.

The house was built in 1954 and I would think that this photograph was taken there in the mid-1960s. But who are, or were, these cheerful young ladies?

John White

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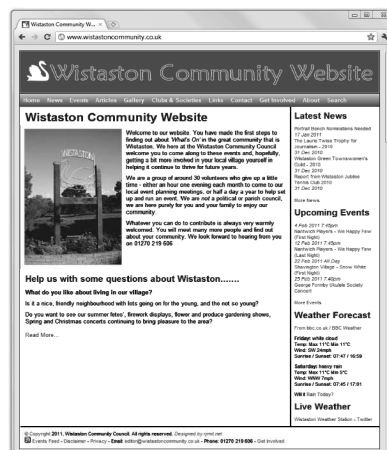
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Nature Roundabout

All set for an early start for a trip to Scotland, we opened the curtains on 16 October only to gape at a mountain of earth and obvious hole in the lawn beneath the apple tree, where the seed droppings from bird feeders create a mini mound of squelchy cress, an easy patch to excavate. Our immediate thoughts were fox or badger, and, no sooner than these thoughts were formed, in loped the culprit himself, *Vulpes vulpes crucigera*: in other words the first of our predictions. He appeared from the end of the cul-de-sac, strutting totally audaciously across open frontages, sniffing the pile of soil, then passing soundlessly on his way. He was large and handsome, greyish brown and with a pure white tip to his tail. In broad daylight who else saw him, we wonder, and what was he seeking? We have read that beetles form part of the diet, so maybe the soft bog proved irresistible for a simple scratch for snacks in the hunger of a chilly morn. A quick filling of the hole, flattening of the surface and basic reseeded of grass, meant the holiday had not such an early start after all. 12.45 a.m. 18 December brought a further sighting across the front gardens, well lit by street lamps. Perhaps this is the more regular visiting hour, less disturbed by human kind.

In late October Dave O'Hara informed us of a kingfisher seen at a small feeding-station table a good five metres from the stream near the recreation ground at Joey the Swan. There were chicken scraps on the table, deposited by persons unknown, and which presumably had drawn the bird. Kingfishers are seen by Dave most weeks in this region, but never in his fifty years of birding has he seen one on a table.

A nuthatch clinging onto a seed feeder was another unusual sight, this time in our garden, but more and more species are getting the hang (excuse pun) of this manoeuvre, albeit for a short while only.

A resplendent cock pheasant strolled to the front door of the end house in our cul-de-sac on 17 November, but we don't think he was presenting himself for Christmas.

On 19 December Gordon Roberts of Sandylands Park reported having had a meadow pipit in his garden three days running. A bird essentially of moorland they are known to drop to lower altitudes in winter and when on passage.

It is the season of fieldfare and redwing thrushes, and the most we watched fly over was around thirty on 18 December, chuckling characteristically, their flock splitting and diverging at a certain height, also characteristic. When feeding in freshly manured fields these thrushes are commonly joined by starlings, but recent flocks in the Derbyshire dales produced no starlings whatsoever. Is this another indication of starling numbers dwindling?

We have read that titmice search for nest sites as early as February, and at New Year we were already hearing the lusty notes of a singing great tit.

Finally, apologies if we cannot always answer queries: where nature study is concerned, like most of the rest of us, we are no more than enthusiastic amateurs.

Our thanks to all contributors.

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22nd July (Alan) **23rd Dec.** (Jonathan)

Enquiries to Connie Edge on **01270 569836**

Wistaston Community Council 100 Club

A big thank you to all who took part in the 100 club during 2010. The total gross fund raised by the 4 weekly draws was £3102.00. Total prize monies to the winners of all 2010 draws was £1535.00, leaving £1519.05 after Lottery running expenses, to be used for donations/presenting events by Wistaston Community Council.

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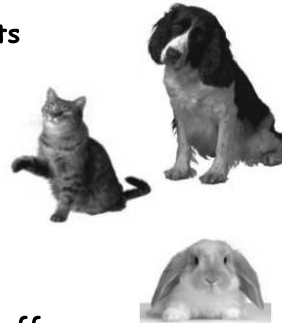
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WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Budgets

Your Council has completed its budget process with final approval to next years plans given at the January Parish meeting. It was anticipated that 2011 would be a particularly difficult one for residents and as a result expenditure has been reduced to the minimum with most of our capital improvement work delayed. As a result there will be no increase in Precept for the year 2011/12 (currently £46,000).

2. Parish Vacancy

I would welcome our new Councillor Ken Parish representing Wistaston Green Ward. Sadly we have lost one of our experienced Councillors Mark Greenhalgh who recently resigned and thanks are expressed for his valued work. One vacancy therefore is available in St. Mary's Ward. Interested residents should contact our Clerk in writing with personal details. Information will be treated in confidence.

3. Children's Playground

We have completed our planned picnic area alongside the playground and hope this will provide enjoyable resting for parents and children. The cycle racks installed have provided secure lock up facilities.

4. Parish Plan

This independent review of Wistaston parish community was complete in the past year with findings issued in booklet form to all households in your Parish. Within the report a series of recommended actions were made for future follow-up. These would normally be taken up by volunteer resident groups. These groups would organise themselves, produce plans, seek grant support and bring about improvements to the place we enjoy living in. Your Parish Council will provide guidance and help although financial help will mainly be expected to be obtained through grants. The key actions within the Plan covered:-

Environment; Public Safety;
Young People; Leisure; Business;
Traffic & Transport; Education

If any resident is interested in setting up a community group they should contact your Parish Clerk. Initial help and guidance can be provided through the Cheshire Parish Plan Co-ordinator.

5. Council Elections 2011

This year completes the 4 year cycle for all Parish Councillors. Elections are held early in May and

Councillors will be elected for Wistaston Green Ward (5), St. Mary's Ward (7) and Wells Green Ward (3). Main Council meetings are held monthly (except August) and Councillors will be expected to be involved with general business and could include being a representative for community bodies and sub committees. Residents who are interested can obtain election nominations forms from the Borough Council Offices.

Cllr. J. Moore

Chairman

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Wistaston- a list poem

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Dash! Dash! Dash! Buy what we need
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Like robots, in a rush!

Wistaston Memorial Hall-
A place for one and all.
As old as the hills and
like a white gift box full of chocs.

Wistaston Manor-
Lovely pub, our favourite grub!
As busy as an ant's nest. We're
like bees around a honey pot.

Joey the swan park-
The place where I'm
as happy as a lark .In summer it is
like a busy bustling beehive.

Our house-
Family, friends and fun I feel
as safe as being in a granddad hug.
Like a lighthouse on a rock.

Our garden -
Swings, trampoline, see-saw, goal-posts,
climbing frame, worms and fish,
As large as life,
Like sweet juice tasting of happiness.

by Elizabeth Sadler

Wistaston- a list poem

Rope green medical centre-
The place to make you better
Doctor Dixon is as good as gold
Like a candle in the darkness.

The Spar shop-
A place to stop. It's
as busy as the bee-hive club and
like sweetie heaven to me !

Tesco Express-
The place to go to meet people,
As colourful as a chameleon, its doors
are like the jaws of a hungry tiger.

35th South West Cheshire cub hut-
The best place that I have put!
There, I'm as happy as a king. It's
like my fabulous, forest, fantasy fort.

Joey the Swan playing fields-
We run jump and shout here .We're
as playful as puppies. It's
like every day is the first day of the summer holidays.

Wistaston Manor –
The place not to forget your manners.
Yummy scrummy in my tummy!
As hungry as a hunter, when I enter,
Like a heavy elephant when I leave!

by Matthew Sadler

St Luke's Hospice – Nantwich Support Group

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Wistaston Memorial Hall
- 5 March 2011 – Coffee Morning at the
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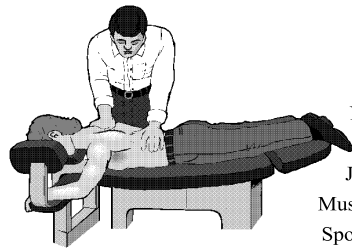
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Wistaston Village Cricket Club

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As I put "finger to keyboard" to update everyone on the latest developments within our cricket club, it is hard to believe that in little over three months, we will be starting a new season. Our senior and juniors players have already commenced their indoor cricket nets at Brine Leas School Nantwich in preparation for the new season.

Table of Indoor Nets:-

Mondays at Brine Leas

Under 9s, 11s, 13s and girls	1900hrs – 2030hrs
Under 15s, 18s & Seniors	2030hrs – 2200hrs

Our **First Eleven** will again be participating in **The Cheshire Alliance Division 1** whilst our **Second Eleven** will be contesting honours in **The Cheshire Alliance Division 3**. Our third senior side (**Sunday**) will again be playing in **Division 5 of the county 3rd/4th XI League**. This effectively will allow more of our young players to gain the experience of adult cricket. The idea would be to field around seven junior players who would be mentored by four adult players. Matches would be played on a Sunday afternoon. **The Sunday (Social) XI** will again play opposite the Sunday league and cup fixtures (i.e. when our league team is playing away, then our social XI would play at home and vice-versa).

Our junior sides (**Under 9's, 11's 13's 15's and 18's**) will be participating in the South Cheshire Junior League.

As was the case for 2010 Sunday mornings have been especially freed up to promote girls cricket at The Brittles. For those who read my last editorial, our girls team performed exceptionally well during 2010 and they hope to do even better in 2011. To this end the club wish to bring to the attention of all girls in the area who are interested in playing cricket, that they will be warmly welcomed to the coaching facilities that are available within the cricket club. For further details contact Pauline Jobbins on 01270 663699 in the first instance.

Committee members elected for **2010** were **Chairman and Club Development Officer:** Kevin Jobbins (663699), **Secretary:** Mike Stokes (666474) and **Treasurer** Janet Parr (668638). In addition to the elected officers the following were elected: - **1st eleven captain** Mike Chester, **2nd eleven / club captain** Steve Collins (662480), **Sunday League XI captain** Mark Walsh and **Sunday social captain** John Avery, together with **Girl's Manager/Welfare Officer, Club Welfare Officer:** Pauline Jobbins (663699), **Junior Manager/Club Welfare Officer:** Keith Thornhill (821193).

Weather permitting; the cricket club will be carrying out the usual "**Nat-West Cricket Force**" programme at the ground – re-furbishing sight-screens, fences etc during the last weekend in March, in preparation for the new season. Anyone interested in helping please contact either Kevin or Pauline Jobbins (663699). 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.

Wistaston Village Cricket Club will be hoping for a productive season, to put behind them the last two average seasons and everyone within the club is positive with the route our village cricket club is progressing. **We offer cricket to adults and juniors of all standards** and the club is proud on being very much a child friendly club and we were recently re-credited with the E.C.B Club Mark originally awarded in May 2005.

Interested in joining W.V.C.C? Please contact **Kevin Jobbins: - Tel 663699** in the first instance or team captains. For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins** at the above number.

LATEST NEWS

Ellie Barnett who plays in the Under 17's team for Wistaston Cricket Club has been selected for the Cheshire's women's squad for the 2011 season. Ellie, who has been with the cricket club for nearly 5 years has become the first girl to achieve the distinction of representing her county and everyone within the club wishes her every success for the forthcoming season and that without any doubt she will achieve much in the sport.

John Avery

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Wistaston U3A Line Dancers

Wistaston U3A Line Dancers held their New Year Social recently when almost 50 people attended.

A buffet supper provided by the dancers was enjoyed during the evening and proceeds from a raffle resulted in £167 being donated to Help the Heroes Campaign.

The sessions are held at St Mary's Church Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston at 2.30pm on Mondays with instructor Gordon Edgeley who 'keeps everyone on their toes'. We are a very friendly group and make everyone welcome.

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Wistaston Green Townswomen's Guild

It is with regret that at our November meeting a minute's silence was held in memory of Wistonian, Rhoda Harding, a popular member of the Guild who passed away in October after a long illness. Rhoda joined the Guild in 1986 on becoming widowed. She was a very sociable person who made many new and close friends which helped to fill the enormous hole left in her life. She joined in all the activities and one of her proudest moments was when she held the Federation banner aloft at the Royal Albert Hall. Although Rhoda had not been to the Guild since being taken ill, there was hardly a time when her name was not mentioned not least of all when we play Scrabble to Rhoda's strict rules! She is greatly missed by all who knew her but her endearing ways and infectious smile will remain with us.

Our speaker for the month was the Production Director, Mr Mooney, from Chatwins who gave a very interesting and informative talk on the success of Chatwins from the humble beginnings of selling bread from the window of their premises in Market Street, Nantwich, to the growth of today and looking forward to their centenary in 2013. Mr Mooney said that their investors in people was not just a plaque on the wall but a genuine desire to look after their staff and promote those keen to progress as he had done. Like the Chatwin family before him he takes an active role in the production process and although it is not necessary for him to do so he starts work at 5.30am each day. He explained how in their desire for quality they had sent staff to the Richemont School in Switzerland to train in the art of baking.

There have been many changes over the years and Chatwins are aware that they have to move with the times. Today only a very small proportion of their business is small fancy cakes. Perhaps we need to resurrect the enjoyable and elegant pastime of partaking of afternoon tea! Mr Mooney brought along a generous supply of samples and the ladies decided that three words were eliminated from their vocabulary for the evening – calories, cholesterol and diet. They were consumed with great delight – well it was smiles all round anyway. Our sincere thanks go to Mr Mooney and Chatwins.

At the end of November a number of ladies joined with Nantwich Guild for their annual Christmas weekend which this year was in North Wales. A forecast of snow gave some concern but in the event everyone thoroughly enjoyed the weekend at Betws-y-coed including a trip to Llandudno. A blanket of snow covered the Snowdonia National Park which became an Alpine scene that was much appreciated from the warmth of their coach.

Our final meeting of the year was in December when Mrs Watson, an extremely modest and talented lady gave a talk about her life with embroidery. After taking early retirement from teaching 18 years ago she became excited and passionate about cross stitch. One unique piece was a portrait of her granddaughter who is now 17 years old. She took a City & Guilds correspondence course in embroidery and continued her education in her skill from then on. She became involved with a group who called themselves Travelling Stitches who created an artwork in stages, passing to

the next in line to do their piece until the last person completed the design and had to include their chosen logo. The unusual aspect of the group was that it was global and some considerable effort was required to complete the chain but the finished piece was certainly worth it. There was a stunning array of pieces, the majority of which were created by Mrs Watson. The variety and complexity of the display has to be seen to be believed. Her piece de resistance was a box crafted by her husband and inlaid with embroidered scenes from her sentimental journey through life in the dales, a truly fascinating evening.

Our thanks go to Betty Hulse who kindly made the mince pies which added a festive touch to the evening.

One of the highlights of the National Guild's calendar is the annual Carol Concert. This year we were fortunate enough for it to be held in Chester Cathedral. Members from all over the UK filled the Cathedral to capacity. As the weak afternoon winter sunshine filtered through the stained glass windows the procession of the Guild's Executive Committee accompanied by the Dean of Chester and the Princess Royal, Patron, made their way to the altar. A selection of inspirational readings and well-loved carols led by our South Manchester Federation Choir produced an unforgettable experience.

Our last social of the year was Christmas Lunch with a Medieval theme held in Chester. It was a very difficult start to the day being one of the most icy we had known for some considerable time. Not to be thwarted almost everyone made it although very warily. All agreed it was worth the effort and set the scene for the festivities to come.

Welcome 2011. Winter bugs and weather permitting we were able to hold our January meeting this year. Our New Year Social had been cancelled in the recent past due to snow and icy conditions but that came early this time and gave us some respite.

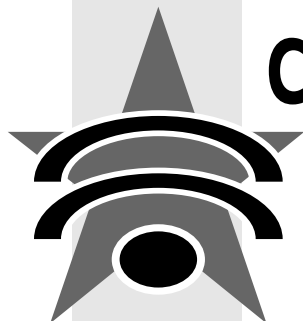
There is ample opportunity to enjoy socials, speakers and outings as a member of the Guild and if you would like to join us we meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in St Marks church Hall, Bramhall Road, Wistaston Green.

Our AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 3 March 2011 followed by a fish and chip supper and social. We would be pleased to see you there.

The following is a poem which was read at Rhoda's funeral.

Smile

It lights the face with beauty,
entirely lifts the gloom,
as will a tiny lantern in some
corner of the room,
And the passer-by is gladdened
when someone stops awhile,
to have a cheery word
made richer by a smile.
Smiling is so easy
and yet we often may
neglect to light another's path
in this quite simple way.
So when the world is blanketed
With mist and pouring rain,
just smile – it could bring sunshine
to someone's life again.



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The Berkeley Primary School



Crewe Alex NPower Cup winners 2011!

The Berkeley school football team enjoyed even more success on Tuesday by winning the Crewe Alex NPower Cup for the first time in the school's history. After winning their group on the qualifying day they went into the finals day full of confidence.

The first group game saw them beat Shavington 1-0 with Declan O'Riordan netting the decisive goal. They then had to defend valiantly to earn a 0-0 draw with Alsager Highfields before an early Sean Simms strike gave them victory against Frodsham. Even though they suffered a 1-0 defeat against The Dingle in the final group game they had still done enough to qualify for the Semi-finals. A stunning semi final performance saw them beat Black Firs 3-0 with Sean Simms scoring a marvellous hat-trick. The final was a tense and close game against Daven. They recovered from going a goal behind to earn a 1-1 draw thanks to amazing long range effort from Matt Mitton. This meant that the final would be decided on penalty kicks. After 5 penalties each the scores were still level. Daven then missed their sudden death kick and goalkeeper Alex Baker smashed the winning penalty home to give Berkeley their second trophy of what has been a magnificent season so far!

This achievement means that they beat off competition from over 60 Cheshire schools and will now be representing Crewe Alex in the Northern schools finals, which will be held at Bradford City in March. The boys are looking forward to making a guest appearance on the pitch to receive the trophy at the next Crewe Alex home game.

A massive well done to all the boys who played: Alex Baker, Sam Anderson, Jack Saunders, Declan O'Riordan, Gareth Ratcliffe, Matt Mitton and Sean Simms.

SOUTH CHESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS

Spring Indoor Programme 2011

24th Feb. The Restoration of Trentham Gardens:

Michael Herbert details the recent restoration.

31st Mar. 'Bottoms Up': Mike Gitsham talks about the carvings on medieval misericords in Cathedrals and Churches.

28th April 'Nine Lives': Janet Bradshaw, volunteer at Tatton park tells us about (and shows us) her work there, teaching children its history.

Civil Service Retirement Fellowship Crewe Area

A belated Happy New Year to all our members and friends.

In November we had a new speaker – Dr Ray Buss who gave us a very interesting talk and slideshow - Cheshire in the Canal Age. He particularly gave us details about the starting of the Canal system in the Chester area also about the people who were lock keepers or who lived on the canals. In December we had our Christmas Party and enjoyed a buffet to which everyone contributed and which was co-ordinated by myself. Father Christmas appeared on a brief visit (on his way to other parties). We also had a fun quiz organised by John White. In January Peter Ollerhead told us about some of the Street names in Crewe and also foul deeds in the Crewe area over a hundred years ago.

Speakers are asked to make their talks light hearted and they are usually illustrated by slides, artefacts or pictures.

1 February: Childhood Memories - John White. Members are asked to bring a photograph of themselves as a young child.

1 March: Beautiful Switzerland – illustrated with slides – Peter Kirk – from Bollington who has previously given us several interesting talks.

5 April: The Magic of Toys by Robert MacGregor – Speaker and Magician.

3 May: Wild Swans and Suffragettes – Pat Louth

7 June: Hazards of the Narrowboats and Waterways – illustrated by photos and artefacts – Ian Senior.

5 July: The Story of Crewe Hall – illustrated talk by Dr Graham Dodd (written in conjunction with the late Ray Gladden).

We have recently had some new members. Do come and join us – ex civil servants and partners. Visitors are also welcome.

I hope to arrange some trips this year. We had a successful trip in November to Boundary Mill and Barton Grange Garden Centre which was wonderfully decorated before Christmas.

We meet at Wells Green Methodist Church Hall on the first Tuesday of each month at 2pm. £1 entrance fee includes tea and biscuits.

For further details please contact Grace on 01270 250699.

Grace Harding

Chairperson

New Life Community Church Services for Easter



Palm Sunday 17th April
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Good Friday 22nd April
Evening Communion Service - 7.30pm

Easter Sunday 24th April
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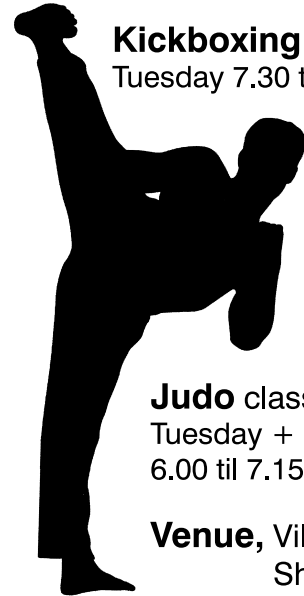
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Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club

The AGM of the Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club was held in January and reports were submitted by the officers. During 2010 work has been carried out to improve the courts, including new draining system, repairs to paths, new nets and newly painted courts. The WJTC has been involved in village events during the year entering teams in the Memorial Hall Quiz and taking part in the Village Fete. Four of our members walked the entire length of the Sandstone Trail in one day raising funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care in excess of £400. The club was also fortunate to be allocated tickets for Wimbledon so several members were able to enjoy this prestigious event.

During the meeting Chairman Alastair Bain had the pleasure of presenting Margaret Maddock with an Honorary Membership Award in recognition of the 17 years she had served as Secretary, from which post Margaret had decided to retire. The award was richly deserved and on behalf of the committee Alastair thanked Margaret for her hard work and stalwart support given during her years as secretary.

As we endure what is proving to be a severe winter we look forward to the 2011 season with better weather and good tennis.

Committee members are listed as follows:

President	Alice Chalwin
Vice President	Diane Mayman
Chairman	Alastair Bain
Vice Chair	Margaret Maddock
Hon. Treasurer	Bill Heath
Membership	Bill Heath
Club Captain	Carol Kearns
Grounds	Tony Mason/Bill Heath
Memorial Hall Rep	John White
Press	Alice Chalwin
Auditor	Jack Chrisp

For further information regarding the Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club please contact Bill Heath on 01270 560471 or 01270 212486

Alice Chalwin

The Laurie Twiss Trophy for Journalism - 2011

Write a story/article in not more than 200 words that could be printed in next Winter's Roundabout. The competition is open to young people in our area with ages ranging from 9 – 16 years.

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

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

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

Barbara Brereton

16 Prior Close, Wistaston, Tel: 569861

Greg Brereton

7 College Fields, Wistaston, Tel: 560194

Eileen Bamber

31 Broughton Lane, Wistaston, Tel: 569126

Easter Services at St Mary's, Wistaston and St Luke's, Willaston

*You would be most welcome to join us
as we celebrate Easter 2011*

Maundy Thursday 21 April: 7pm Holy Communion at St Luke's

Good Friday 22 April: 11am All Age Worship at St Mary's
12noon - 2pm a time for quiet reflection at St Mary's
2pm An Hour at the Cross at St Mary's

Easter Sunday 24 April: 9am Holy Communion at St Luke's
10.40am All Age Communion at St Mary's

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Wells Green Methodist Church

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You would be very welcome to join us for our Easter Services, and we wish you a Happy Easter!

Rev Jenny Arthurs

Wells Green Methodist Church

Wells Green Easter Services

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