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EDITORIAL FOR SUMMER 2024

Welcome to warmth! Thank you so much to everyone for the continued splendid support you give to Roundabout in whatever capacity, for without your contributions and advertisements and our wonderful deliverers, it could not exist!

Please send in your articles, photographs etc. for our Autumn edition, due out in early September 2024 by the 15 July.

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Dates for your Diary 2024

There are plenty of things happening in Wistaston over the next few months. Keep looking on facebook and notice boards for updates etc. Initially though, jot these dates down in your diaries.

Wistaston Village Fete - Saturday 15 June 2024.

Concert by the South Cheshire Concert Band in the Memorial Hall - Sunday 23 June 2024

Flower and Produce Show - Saturday 17 August 2024

Annual Duck Race - Saturday 7 September or alternative date - 14 September

Fireworks - 2 November 2024 - Brittles

Remembrance Service: 10 November at 3pm in the Memorial Hall

Christmas Concert: Friday 6 December at 7pm St Mary's Church Hall

The Laurie Twiss Award



To all you young writers of Wistaston - write a story or article of your choice - real or imaginary, fact or fiction. The winner will keep for one year the Laurie Twiss Trophy plus a Gift voucher and pen. The second and third winners will also receive vouchers and pens.

With your entry, please include your name and address, telephone number, age, school attended and title of your story/article.

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Wistaston Flower Club

***Meetings held at The Memorial Hall, Church Lane Wistaston at 2.30pm
(1st Wednesday of each month (excluding January, August & November))***

Wistaston Flower Club, together with Nantwich Flower Club are supporting and sponsoring the Floral Art Section at the Nantwich Show 2024 being held at Reaseheath on Wednesday 31st July 2024. The overall title is 'Olympiad in Paris'. Entries to the Competition are now open. Details can be found on nantwichshow.org website or by contacting judy.gratton@live.co.uk.



In March we had a fabulous demonstration from Carron White, all the way from Anglesey entitled 'All Tide Up'. The raffle was exciting with 9 people taking home some spectacular floral arrangements. At the end of March



we held our own in-house workshop entitled Spring. It was attended by 14 members and the workshop was given by Carol Campbell and Judy Gratton – everyone went home with a beautiful Easter themed arrangement with the addition of chocolate eggs hidden within the design.



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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. Council Members

Your Council has worked under strength for some time and we are seeking additional members to support our committee and project work.

There are interesting opportunities to participate and contribute with community groups.

Wistaston Sports and Leisure (Sport and Recreation)

Wistaston Memorial Hall (Hall activities)

Wistaston Community Council (Community events)

Internal Committees include.

Planning (Review of all planning applications)

Woodland and Recreation (Oversee role for development)

Team Leaders to develop Wistaston in Bloom and Speedwatch.

If interested and wish to discuss any role for more information please contact our Clerk or Chairman.

2. JTS Wastewater overflows.

We have recently received notification from United Utilities (UU) to investigate work at the Church Lane Combined Overflow System.

This is part of their Better Rivers programme to improve health of Rivers with a commitment and major investments to reduce spills from storm overflows.

A contractor has been appointed on behalf of UU to investigate and we understand to prepare a scheme to meet their commitments.

This has been a long-standing concern over many years and previously raised with UU. This is a welcome step to prevent wastewater overspill.

3. Litter and Dog Bags

It is pleasing to see a drop in the amount of collected litter last year.

Figures. 2022 in brackets

Large green bags 311 (376)

Dog bags 141 (191)

Sap bags 16 (38)

Thanks again expressed to our teams for their work maintaining our open spaces litter free.

4. Future meetings

20th June 2024, 18th July 2024, 19th September 2024, 17th October 2024,

21st November 2024, 19th December 2024.

Cllr J Moore, Chairman

Wistaston Parish Councillor **Contact Information**

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Together we are beating cancer

Crewe and Nantwich Cancer Research Committee is in need of Teddy Bears for the Christmas Fair Teddy Tombola which is on Saturday 16th November at Wistaston Memorial hall. Check our Autumn Roundabout for further details regarding this.

Meanwhile if you have any Teddies or soft toys in need of a new home please ring Jean on 01270 215651 and we will make arrangements to collect them. Every pound we raise helps to beat cancer sooner.



The Piper leads the 2023 Rose Queen Procession.

Emily, our Retiring Rose Queen and her attendants arrive in a Rover veteran car.



Our 2023 Rose Queen, Sophie Davies and her attendant arrive in an MG Magnette Classic Car.

Come to the Fete to see our 2024 Rose Queen and in which car?

WISTASTON VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2024

**1.40pm Rose Queen Procession
from Wistaston Church Lane Academy to the Arena in the
School Grounds**

**1.50pm Crowning of St. Mary's Rose Queen – Lucia Kemp
Officiated by Rev Mike Turnbull**

**2.00pm Opening of the Fete by Wistonian of the Year –
Dane Chaplow**

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Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

The weather at the time of compiling this editorial as you all remember was atrocious and to a degree it affected our Ground Force week-end schedule at the time. Despite the delay, the club's programme under the guidance of our Head Groundsman **Kevin Jobbins**, with the fantastic response from club members means we are well on our way to ensuring our wickets and outfield will be in first class condition and the club's standard maintained, and cricket can be enjoyed by members and visiting cricket teams.

Forthcoming season: -

The First Eleven will be competing in **The Cheshire Cricket League Division 3.**

The Second Eleven will be competing in **The North Stafford South Cheshire**

Premier Cricket League Division 8.

The Swans Eleven will be competing in **Division 4 (West) of The Cheshire Women's Cricket League** and **Division 5 (South) of the Soft Ball League.**

Our junior teams, the future of our cricket club, will be competing in their respective leagues within **The South Cheshire Junior Cricket League.**

www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk/roundabout.html

and www.creweguardian.co.uk/sport.

At the time of compiling this editorial, the commencement of the **2024** playing season has been affected by the atrocious weather conditions with the latest news to hand that

the start of the playing season for the Second Eleven will commence **4th May 2024.**

Following the cricket club's A.G.M, the following members were elected.

Chairperson – Tanith Allwood; Vice Chair – Keith Thornhill. Vice Chair – Ned Townsend.

Secretary – Tristan King. Treasurer – Kevin Jobbins. League Rep – Ryan Briddon (CCL) & Andy Whitehurst (NSSCCL). Welfare Office – Charlotte Bowker. Fundraising Manager – Gemma Whitehurst.

Head Grounds man – Kevin Jobbins. Grounds men. – Dean Titus, Mark Bourne.

1st Team Captain – Billy Ridgway. 2nd Team Captain – Andy Whitehurst. Friendly Manager – Tanith Allwood & Chris Smith. Under 16s – Chris Smith. Under 13s – Keith Thornhill & Dave Gregg

Under 11s – Tristan King & Kevin Jobbins. Under 9s – Charlotte Bowker & Kevin Jobbins.

Allstars – Charlotte Bowker & Anna Bourne. Ladies Captain – Anna Bourne (HB) & Nicki Jarvis (SB).

Ladies Manager – Niki Jarvis & Zoe Davies. Other committee members: - John Avery, Billy Ridgeway, Steve Collins and Marcus Pownall.

Important dates for your diaries: President's Day:-16.06.2024. Ladies Softball Festival:-16.07.2024. Club Chair's Day 25.08.2024.

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. For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins 01270 483494**.

Wistaston Cricket Club continues their search for players for the current cricket season, not only to promote but further improve on the progress achieved over past seasons. As mentioned on many occasions we offer cricket for adults and junior of ALL STANDARDS therefore if you are interested in joining our cricket club please contact Kevin or Pauline Jobbins 01270 483494. Take that all important first step.

We offer cricket to adults and junior of all standards and we are proud of 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: - 01270 483494 in the first instance.

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.

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CRICKET TEASERS

SIX OF THE BEST

1. Which cricketer, with the nickname 'punter' is the only player in the history of Test cricket to be a part of 100 Test match wins.
2. Which England cricket international was born in Christchurch, New Zealand before moving to England at the age of 12?
3. Which Australian media tycoon is best known for founding the breakaway World Series Cricket between 1977 and 1979?
4. An incoming batsman must be ready to face a ball within how many minutes of the outgoing batsman being dismissed.
5. Grace Road is a cricket ground in which English city?
6. Who captained the English team to a five-nil defeat in the 2013/14 Ashes series.

ANSWERS WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 28

Wistaston Conservation Group

Outlet Found

Following on from our last article in the Spring issue of 'Roundabout', on the 22nd January we resumed our search for the elusive, some thought mythical, outlet-pipe and were successful when two of our group disturbed some silt and moved a large piece of wood. The waters began to flow and in ten minutes the 'pond' had disappeared. We have now replaced the excavated spoil and we will plant some daffodils, crocus and bluebells. We also modified the pipe entrance with stone slabs, to lessen the effects of it silting-up.



Wistaston Brook, erosion and flooding.

Most people now accept that our weather will continue to be affected by Climate Change, and flooding is likely to increase. Last winter and this spring have been one of the wettest on record. The Conservation Group have been busy trying to tackle the effects of flooding and drainage issues at the Spinney and in the Old Covert, not far from the Scout hut. Paths that in times past required a minimum of maintenance, now are turned into a sea of mud after even moderate rainfall due to the soil being saturated.

Generally, and these effects are not confined to just our locality, nature-based solutions such as wetlands and woodlands slow down the flow of water. Adding trees will also stabilize river banks and other areas prone to erosion and can be beneficial to wildlife. **Also, more trees will help with Carbon Sequestration via Photosynthesis, otherwise known as Carbon Capture.**

Natural flood management, using natural materials can include a number of approaches, such as creating a 'leaky dam' with branches or tree trunks strategically placed to slow the flow and filter out sediment washed downstream. Similarly, 'buffer strips' made up from vegetation to hold runoff, and the creation of ponds to temporarily hold the excess water can be used.

Nationally as much as 90% of wetlands have been lost in the past century. The interception of rainwater by trees can spread the negative effects of rainfall over a longer period allowing the rainfall to enter rivers or streams gradually. Thus reducing bank erosion. Allowing a water course to run naturally by removing debris is vital in reducing floodwater damage.

Not all of the aforementioned solutions are suitable for use in our locality, but we will adapt them where and when we can. During a sustained period of high river flow, bank erosion can be problematic, and this can be seen in our Wistaston Brook. Reinforcing the bank with wooden stakes to protect the footpath has been successfully done further downstream from Joey the Swan, and could be employed as a cost effective method elsewhere if needed.



Right is a small example of a Silt Trap also known as a 'Leaky Dam'. It holds back water temporarily allowing a steady flow to enter a watercourse, and leaving much of the sediment behind.

Ash Dieback Disease

THIS ARTICLE MAY BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THOSE OF US HAVING ASH TREES IN THEIR GARDENS. It has been estimated that Ash dieback fungus disease (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*) will kill up to 80% of ash trees across the UK. It will change our landscape forever and threaten many animal species which rely on Ash trees.

The disease originating in Asia, does not affect Ash trees there. However, its introduction to Europe about 30 years ago has devastated the European Ash population as our native species did not evolve with the fungus and therefore have no natural defence against it.

In the UK, ash dieback has had the most impact in the south-east of England, where it was first recorded in 2012. It is unknown how long the fungus was in the area before symptoms became apparent, perhaps some years, but a preventative ban on the importation of ash trees was put in place at this time, as it is thought it could have been imported on ash saplings. The spores of the fungus are also carried on the wind and this may also be the cause of the spread to our country.

We now see evidence of the disease throughout the UK. However we are still at the beginning of the epidemic, and won't know the full impact for a while. The slow progress of the disease makes it difficult to recognise, and we need to track the sometimes subtle changes brought about by ash dieback.

Ash dieback can affect ash trees of all ages. Concluded on p.26

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Wistaston Church Lane Academy

Recently, our school celebrated its 150th Anniversary! Did you know that was in the Victorian era? We decided to produce artwork to take part in an art gallery on Thursday 25th April. Art was displayed in the KS1 hall where the parents of students could come and see their artwork. If they liked their spectacular art, guardians and carers could buy it in a frame. Every year group did a different type of art based on an impressionist artist and their style of painting. Every piece of artwork was unique. It was a marvellous opportunity to help our imagination flow. As an added honour to our school, we are partaking in the Rose Queen parade which will be hosted on Saturday 15th June.

YEAR 5 SPACE TRIP

On Thursday 1st May, Year 5 visited the National Space Centre as their school trip based on their Science learning. It was an amazing place for schools (and families too) to explore more on this topic while having lots of fun! There was a spectacular show presented by one of the members of staff which showed this year group just how great (and simple) rocket science is. Most of the groups visited the rocket tower including 2 rockets which have flown beyond the Earth's atmosphere. Each class had an amazing rocket building competition where groups of 6 (or lower) got a chance to build their own rocket. We then tested them by shooting them out of a pole projecting air. After, both classes went to the planetarium. It really felt like we were moving in space! The movie projected in the room is being shown to multiple planetariums from all over the world! All the groups had some time to explore the Centre before we unfortunately left.

ORACY

Our school has introduced oracy! Oracy uses skills to build up our communication which is very important for growing minds. We have encouraged displays to help with this which flow throughout the entire school. We are improving our listening and building on others' ideas! As an addition to that, we have class assemblies to discuss and build our oracy skills. Sometimes, there are fun activities and lots of conveying ideas to help build on this. Not only that, but we are doing much more reading as a class to increase fluent reading for all. For our reading, the teachers have different reading techniques such as paired reading, popcorn reading, choral reading and echo reading! Each of the techniques are fun and easy for everyone to join in while intaking vital information about global warming and many other informative topics.

By Daisy, Poppy and Lucy (Year 5)

Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre

Our AGM was held on the 28th of March and the Trustees welcomed Chris Flaherty on to the committee, Chris will be representing Rope Parish Council. We continue to progress well with our project to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Thanks must go to Wistaston Parish Council for their assistance with the land registry, which was one of the key parts to the process. Work on repairing the decorative front wall of the Memorial Hall car park, which was damaged late last year, has been completed.

The next concert to take place in the hall will be South Cheshire Concert Band on the 23rd of June 2024.

As mentioned in the Spring edition, this year marks 75 years since the opening of the Hall and we are hoping to celebrate this in some way. If anyone has any photographs covering events that have happened since 1947 at or in the grounds of the Hall, then we would welcome borrowing them for an exhibition. Please contact Diane on the email below.

Rebuild Project Update

It's been 2 years since the Hall rebuild project started in April 2022. The first task, to apply to The National Lottery Community Fund (TNLCF) for a grant towards the rebuild, is progressing well. We have been following TNLCF guidelines to review options for rebuilding the Hall and aim to complete option selection by end of May 2024. In parallel we are working on the Design Brief for the new Hall which we aim to hand over to our architect Bower Edleston early summer.

To get the latest news, come and visit our stand at Wistaston Village Fete on Saturday June 15th or see our Rebuild page at www.wistastonmemorialhall.uk.

If you would be interested in being involved in either the day to day running of the Memorial Hall or the Rebuild project, we would love to hear from you. Contactus@wistastonmemorialhall.uk

Wistaston Flower Club - *concluded from page 4*

April saw Penelope Harrison from Shrewsbury give her demonstration on 'Contrasts'. In June we welcome Jane Pugh from Lydbury with her title 'Walk on the Wildside' followed in July by Mark Entwistle from Sandbach with 'Botanical Art'.

Come and spend an enjoyable few hours at Wistaston Flower Club - you could even go home with one of the fabulous raffle prizes which will be made before your eyes by our expert demonstrators.

For more information about our activities or meetings please contact Caryn Murray 07530682196 or carynmurray24@gmail.com.



NORTHERN LIGHTS DISPLAY DAZZLES WISTASTON SKY WATCHERS

This magnificent photograph and of course the display was just too late for our Spring Roundabout. However here it is now:

‘Wistaston residents were treated to a rare dazzling display of colours from the spectacular Northern Lights aurora on the evening of Sunday 3rd March 2024.

There was a sudden peak in solar activity with a ‘red alert’ issued by Aurora-Watch UK. Vibrant colours of red, purple and green were then on display. It could be seen across large parts of the UK, from Scotland down as far south as Cornwall.

Charged particles entered our atmosphere and interacted with oxygen and nitrogen. With the tilt of the Earth in relation to the Sun positioned at right angles during the equinox, the magnetic field is stronger resulting in a more vibrant aurora.

The photo was taken by myself from the Joey the Swan recreation ground in Wistaston at 8:15pm.’ *Jonathan White*



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NATURE ARTICLE

The origin of 'peck order' in birds is entitlement of the highest ranked in a colony to feed first. We notice a kind of peck order in our visiting corvids and pigeons which look around themselves to keep watch on neighbours, taking care not to get too close in case of trouble. Is it in fact simply that each bird, whatever the species, wants as much food as possible kept to itself? It is unusual to fight to the death, but we have witnessed a squabble between two jackdaws where the weaker was pinned down on its back while a magpie, not associated with feeding at the time, hopped along to inflict an extra peck on the victim, as if taking sides. Luckily the jackdaws broke off battle and magpie hopped away. With magpies being cannibalistic maybe this individual was eying up a possible meal out of a family member.

Cometh the freeze and we watch neighbours' puddings of fat in coconut shells being stolen by squirrels which run off with them, to savour in safety, birds scarcely getting a lick.

25.1. and a sparrowhawk scything diagonally across lawn, like a slender leaf drifting in wind: a 'blink and you'll miss it' moment. Our January song thrush sang in February this year, repetitive notes unmistakable. Three siskins mixed with other finches, to charm us, this winter, perhaps travelling south from wintry conditions in Scottish pine forests. Another name for this bird, stemming from the days when kept in cages, presumably on account of the sweet twittering song, is 'aberdevine', a word dating back to 1700s. We have not found the origin of the word, which prompted us to seek the origin of 'nuthatch', a bird recently exploring a fork of our tree. Apparently the bird has a tendency to wedge a nut in tree bark before splitting it open with its 'hatchet' bill.

A 'thank you' to Graham Roberts of Berkeley Crescent, reporting a fox on the pavement, 19.1. He sees foxes once or twice a year and wonders if they come from Salander Covert behind the house.

Three dollops of frogspawn in our pond is a record for us!

Late March brought chiffchaff song to Sandylands Park, perhaps one of the first heralds of spring, further augmented by an orange-tip butterfly in early April.

Our thanks to all contributors.
Trevor and Hilary Clowes



WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL BOWLING CLUB

Hello and welcome to my first report from Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club.

We are a crown green bowling club situated adjacent to the Memorial Hall on Church Lane. At the time of writing (end of March) the bowling season is just about to start. The greenkeepers have been busy preparing the playing surface and a number of members have been carrying out maintenance tasks around the green.

The club has a number of teams competing in local leagues, namely the Sandbach league, Crewe and Nantwich Veterans League and the Holmes Chapel league. We have 3 teams in the Sandbach league, A in division 3, B in division 4, and C in division 5. In the Crewe and Nantwich Veterans League we have 4 teams, A team in division 1, B in division 2, and C & D teams in division 3. In the Holmes Chapel league we have 2 teams, A in division 1 and B in division 3.

In addition to league bowls we also have social bowling on Saturday and Sunday afternoons (2 till 4). This is where all members can get together. We play in pairs and all pairs are drawn at random. Club members can practise at anytime and can be accompanied by visitors. We have some equipment players can borrow. New members are always welcome and more information can be found on our web site:

www.wistastonbowling.club

So until next time goodbye, Paul Latham

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.

New members are very welcome - please contact Brenda Farrall for further information on 01270 624649 or visit Club Web Site www.creweandnantwichramblingclub.org.uk/



From Memorial Square

We had a fantastic donation of crocheted bees from **Wistaston Swans WI** this afternoon. The lovely ladies have been ‘busy bees’ (sorry!) making them ready for the Anti-Violence Bee visit which starts next week. The Mayor of Crewe, Councillor Dennis Straine-Francis, was delighted to thank the group for their efforts.

The Bees are on display in Memorial Square, CW1 2BJ from Thursday 2 May until Thursday the 30 May 2024.

PCSO Lizzie Jolley from Crewe Police had been to talk to the WI’s craft sub-group ‘Hooks and Needles’ recently to tell them all about the Bee and ask them to get involved with the community project.

There are nearly 200 bees of all shapes and sizes and they will be used to decorate the area around the Bee Sculpture on Memorial Square. They will also be used in various activities throughout the month of May.

Find out more about ‘What’s on during the bee visit here;

www.crewe/town council.gov.uk/

Pat Shaw (centre above) of our Wistaston Swans WI and our Hooks & Needles WI sub-group members made 200 knitted bees for the local police to distribute to youngsters to help promote the anti-violence bee sculpture with a children's bee hunt around the town all through the month of May.

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Wells Green Easter Coffee Morning



Our Easter Coffee Morning was a huge success. Lots of people came, enjoyed the fellowship, and browsed around the various stalls. We raised over £500 from sales and donations, in aid of our worthy charity, Action for Children. Thank you to everyone who helped or supported this event

Ash dieback can affect ash trees of all ages.

Recognition of the disease

Leaves develop dark patches in the summer. They then wilt and discolour to black. Leaves might shed early.

Blackened or shrivelled leaves.

Diamond-shaped black lesions (which look like bruises) on the bark.

Dead external branches with new growth towards the centre of the tree. This is known as 'epicormic growth'.

Sunken and dark lesions on the branches and trunk.

NOTE It is advisable to wait until the tree has come back into leaf to properly confirm the presence of the disease.

However, not all ash trees are fatally affected. Potentially tolerant ash trees will be protected as far possible, letting nature take its course by allowing the more affected ash trees to decline. This will improve the resilience of our woods to future epidemics. The genetic diversity of trees in existing woods will be increased and when planting new woods, a mix of native tree species will be used.

You can help by doing the following:

Clean your shoes before and after visiting a wood. Avoid taking cuttings or plant material from the countryside. Wash your car or bike wheels to remove mud or plant matter. If you think you've spotted the signs and symptoms of ash dieback report them through Tree Alert, a website sponsored by the Forestry Commission.

The link is here - treealert@forestresearch.gov.uk



If anyone would like to meet us to discuss what we do or to suggest ideas for projects, we are usually working in the 'Joey the Swan' area on Monday mornings. Further contact details are shown on the WCG noticeboard close to the Church Lane entrance, online (search on Wistaston Conservation Group), and on Facebook.



**Crewe Methodists
Open-Air Praise Service
Sunday 14th July**

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Wistaston's 41st Flower and Produce Show

Saturday 17th August 2024 - Schedule of Classes

Section F - Flower Classes

- F1. Bowl of Sweet Peas, mixed colours, 15 stems minimum.
- F2. A specimen Rose in a vase.
- F3. Three Large Gladioli, any variety or varieties.
- F4. Three Pom Pom Dahlias, any variety or varieties.
- F5. Three Cactus or Semi-Cactus Dahlias any variety or varieties.
- F6. Three Decorative Dahlias, any variety or varieties.
- F7. A Single Stem of any Flowering Plant (not in schedule) in a vase.
- F8. A Single Geranium Head in a Vase
- F9. Six French Marigolds, any variety or varieties.
- F10. A Shallow Bowl of Floating Flower Heads - arranged for effect.
- F11. A Vase of Mixed Flowers - home grown.
- F12. A Cactus or Succulent
- F13. A Geranium in a Pot - with saucer.
- F14. A Begonia in a Pot - with saucer.
- F15. Flowering Plant in a Pot, with saucer, excluding plants from Classes F13/14/17/18
- F16. A Foliage Plant in a Pot, with saucer,
- F17. Six Fuchsia Heads on a Board.
- F18. A Fuchsia in a Pot (upto 15cm) with saucer, any variety.
- F19. Alpine Garden - 25cm x 25 cm max.

Section V - Vegetable Classes.

- V1. A Vegetable not on Schedule - please specify on entry form.
- V2. Five White Potatoes on a Plate - any variety.
- V3. Five Coloured Potatoes on a Plate, any variety
- V4. Three Onions - roots shown, not to exceed 225 grams each. See Rule 21.
- V5. Six Carrots - tops trimmed to 8cm
- V6. Nine Shallots - Large (over 30mm in diameter.
- V7. Three Round Beetroot - tops trimmed to 8cm
- V8. One Vegetable Marrow - with stalk
- V9. One Lettuce - roots shown
- V10. One Cucumber - with stalk
- V11. Five Ripe Tomatoes (not cherry variety) on a plate
- V12.. A Truss of Tomatoes - not cherry variety - some ripe..
- V13 A Truss of a Named Variety of Cherry Tomatoes on a plate - some ripe.
- V14.. Five Ripe Cherry Tomatoes on a plate - variety to be named.
- V15. Six Runner Beans - all with some stalk.
- V16. Six French Beans - all with some stalk.
- V17. Three Courgettes - each with some stalk.
- V18. A Single Pot of Three Different Herbs

Section D - Wistaston Parish Council Vegetable Display

- D1. A Collection of Five Different Classes of Vegetables..

Section B - Harvest Basket

- B1. A Basket containing Fruit, Flowers & Produce - not to exceed 46cm in width and length; height unrestricted.

Section A - Flower Arrangements - please read rule 20.

- A1. Arrangements in a tall vase
- A2. Small arrangement in a cup and saucer

Section H - Housecraft Classes - please cover entries with transparent covering.

- H1. A jar of Home Made Strawberry Jam;
- H2. A jar of Home **Made Jam - not Strawberry**
- H3. A jar of Home Made Chutney.
- The above three items to have cellophane covers only.*
- H4. Three pieces of Shortbread
- H5 Five Square Flapjacks
- H6 Five Jam Tarts
- H7 A Plate of Five Chocolate Butterfly Cakes
- H8 A Lemon Drizzle Cake baked in a loaf tin.
- H9. A Cheesecake, approx.20cm in diameter presented on a plate.

- H10. A Victoria Sponge Cake - **read Rule 19 carefully.**

- H11 Five Cheese Scones

- H12 A Quiche , approx. 20cm in diameter, presented on a plate.

- H13. An Apple Pie approx.20cm in diameter, short crust pastry top and bottom, presented on a plate.

- H14. Five Decorated Cup Cakes.

Section W. Beverages.

- W1 A Bottle of Home Made Fruit/Vegetable/Flower Wine 75 ml bottle, not from a kit.

Section Y - Hobby Crafts - Please read Rule 18

- Y1. Any craft not on schedule (please specify on entry form)
- Y2. A Knitted Toy.
- Y3. A Crochet Toy.
- Y4 Cross stitch..
- Y5. A Painting: own original work, A4 max size unframed.
- Y6 A Decorated Plant Pot. 10cm-15cm diameter pot.

Section C - Children's Classes

- C1. Pre-school - My Favourite Flower
- C2. Under 12's - A Miniature Garden in a seed tray - approx. 6 x 8 inches
- C3. Under 12's - A Greeting Card
- C4. Under 12's - A Decorated Plant Pot
- C5. Under 12's - A Vegetable/Fruit Creature

Parish Council Photographic Competition

Free to enter

Class A: A Typical Snapshot - must be printed.

Class B: A Cardboard Framed Enlargement.

Prize money will be £5, £3 and £2 in both classes.

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