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EDITORIAL FOR AUTUMN 2024

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 Winter edition, due out in early December 2024 by the 15 October.

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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:

Annual Duck Race - Saturday 7 September

or alternative date - 14 September, at Joey the Swan

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



Thank you to everyone who made our recent Fete so successful; thank you so much to Wistaston Church Lane Academy for allowing us to use their building and field, the Academy staff who helped us on the day, all our wonderful volunteers; our Rector and the staff on the field keeping everyone interested, our amazing stallholders, the superb cars, our lovely Rose Queen and everyone in her retinue. What an amazing line up!! That's not even mentioning our fantastic organisers.

We have an action packed autumn ahead of us - the Duck Race in September; Fireworks in November and the Christmas Concert in early December. They're all labour intensive so if you can help it would be great.

The winner of the Laurie Twiss Trophy will be revealed in the next issue.

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

Report from St Mary's

As we move into Autumn we become aware of the changing face of the natural world about us. The subtle change of the natural colours at first, which then lead to a full shedding of leaves ready for the winter and in preparation for the new life of the following Spring.



The Autumn/Winter period is a busy time in church life, following a rather predictable period following the end of the Easter season, many things start to happen. On the 6 October we celebrate Harvest, followed the next Sunday, 13 October at 5pm, with an Infant Loss Service in conjunction with Motherwell. November is about remembering, on 3 November at 6pm, we have our annual Commemoration Service at which we remember those whom we love but see no longer. On the 10 November we mark Remembrance Sunday at 10:40am. Just a few highlights of what's happening over the next few months, you can find all the details at: stmaryswistaston.org.uk and click on Worship on the first page, or you can call the office on 01270 567119.

Best wishes, Revd Mike.

Rector of St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston
stmaryswistaston.org.uk

Cheshire Wildlife Trust has had a name change. The group are now called 'South Cheshire nature and wildlife group'.

The next two meetings are as below:

Monday October 21st

An illustrated talk on Pine martens by Stuart Edmunds

Monday November 18th

An illustrated talk on The great trees of Offas Dyke by Rob McBride.

Meetings as before at Acton Parish Hall, Acton. CW5 8LG.

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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. United Utilities (UU) Better Rivers programme

Further to the initial notification a site meeting has been held including Council members to provide more details on the next stage in their plans.

Key objectives are to a) Improve health of rivers and b) Reduce the frequency of storm overflows.

Starting on the 19th August site surveys and excavation work on land adjacent to the brook will be undertaken in preparation to move electricity power cables underground in April 2025 and install large collection tanks. A letter from UU will be circulated to local residents and they are planning to hold local meetings with residents. More details can be found on their website

at <http://www.unitedutilities.com/Better-Rivers> or Tel 03456723723 Quoting ref No. 80065536.

2. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

There has been a significant rise in ASB during recent months in woodlands and open spaces across Joey the Swan.

These include increased litter and general dumping, excavation work in Hinging Bank woodland where the Badger set is for a cycle track, a major fire close to the Poplar trees, Motorcycles across the open football areas and damaged memorial trees in the arboretum section.

Resident help is sought to report incidents to the Police helpline Tel 101 and/or report to our Clerk.

3. Speed Indicator Device (SID) in Broughton Lane

Latest data for the period 29/07/2024 to 13/08/2024

Number of vehicles 46719

Exceeding speed limit 25%

Highest speed 82mph

Details are to be forwarded to our local Police officer for action.

4. Clerk

Our Clerk is leaving at the year end and plans are underway to recruit a replacement.

Applications will close at the end of August, and we plan to have a new clerk in post before December.

5. Future meetings

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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Wistaston Gardeners Society

Monthly meetings are held at Wistaston Memorial Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting at 7.30pm.

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Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

As I compose this editorial the cricketing season has been active for a little over two months and by the time this latest editorial finds its way through your letterbox, the **2024** cricketing campaign would be virtually completed, which begs again, the question, where does the time go.

Our **First XI** competing in **The Cheshire Cricket League Division 3**, have at the time of compiling this latest editorial, completed just under half of their cricketing programme and are currently **4th** position in their table having won half of their fixtures and of the three matches that they lost, two were extremely close matches with another two abandoned. Having recorded their last two matches as victories, the season very much open for more successes. Record so far: Played 10 Won 5 Lost 3 Abandoned 2 Pts 98.

Our **Second XI** competing in **The North Stafford South Cheshire Cricket League Division 8** have had a harder season to contend with and at present holding **7th position** in a league of nine clubs. The season commenced in **May** and they are competing in a strong league. In their last match held on **16th June** they had a positive **30 run victory** over **Church Eaton** and suffered a defeat in a very close-run match against **Oakmoor C.C.** by just three runs. With half of their playing season still to come, there is optimism on attaining even a higher final position in their league. Record so far: - Played 8 Won 2 Lost 5 Abandoned 1 Pts 62

Our ladies eleven "**The Swans**", competing in **Division 4 (West) of Women's Cricket League** currently as I write, are in second position in their league. From their opening five fixtures they have recorded three victories with two losses, (both against **Oakmere C.C.** by a single and two runs respectively) and have accumulated an excellent **86 points**, just **14 points** behind leaders **Oakmere C.C.** Watch this space. Record so far: - Played 5 Won 3 Lost 2 Abandoned Pts 86

In the **Division 5 Softball South League**, "**The Swans**" are in **4th position** from **5 teams**. However, they have played to date the **fewest fixtures** and will be looking to improve on that position by the conclusion of the playing season.

Our junior sides are competing in their respective leagues within **The Cheshire South Cheshire Junior Cricket League**.

Under 9's

Playing in a league of **18 teams**, our **Under 9's** are conducting their campaign very well and at the time of this editorial they hold **6th position** in the league with **70 points** from their opening **ten** fixtures.

Under 11's Our **Under 11's** are contesting in a league containing **15 teams**. Currently they hold **7th position** having **won two** of their eight opening fixtures and losing **four**, with a further match abandoned and another victory gained when their opponents had conceded the fixture. Watch this space.

Under 13's : The season so far for our **Under 13's** has been somewhat demanding but the experience of playing and learning will I'm sure, keep them in good stead. The most important thing is to enjoy the sport. In a league of **15 teams**, the **Under 13's** are currently in **12th position** with **25 points**, having played some very close matches which could have gone either way.

Friendly XI's: Finally, our cricket club have a programme of inter-club and Sunday friendly fixtures, which accommodates players of extra experience and opportunities of playing the game.

www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk/roundabout.html and
www.creweguardian.co.uk/sport

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

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

The cricket club holds Bingo evenings every **third Friday** of each month at the **Wistaston pavilion lounge** to raise funds for the cricket club and a warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to join us. Following the summer break, bingo evenings will re-commence on **Friday 20th September 2024 at The Brittles**. For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins (483494)**.

It would be good for all our "regulars" who attend our Bingo evenings, to re-ignite their interest once again, after a break of three months since our last bingo evening. It would equally offer the opportunity for anybody within the village who may have thought about attending for the first time, to take that important first step. A friendly welcome is guaranteed.

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

If any of our readers of **Roundabout** would like to become **social members** of the cricket club, contact **Kevin**. All new members would be most welcome, and it would offer you a chance to introduce yourself to our cricket club and the wide range of opportunities that we offer for both adults and especially for children, who have an interest in playing cricket.

John Avery "Zusammen", 13 Lear Drive, Wistaston, Tel 07817082678

Wistaston Conservation Group

The Making of Joey the Swan

The area we know of as 'Joey' now, was not always so. In 2005 the area close to Church Lane and Wistaston Hall was landscaped and remodelled to include the children's playground and an attempt to recreate a pond where the Gresty and Wistaston brooks meet.

At about the same time the footpath from Wistaston Green Road to our 'Joey' area was resurfaced by Cheshire County Council to improve access. The photos below kindly supplied by David O'Hara our Projects Manager will help to illustrate what took place.



***Work in progress,
view towards
Valley Road.***



Landscaping in progress. The sign tells that a 'New Amenity Lake' is being constructed, this is now the pond near to Church Lane.



The playground on the 15 August 2005.



Playground opening with Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody MP (dressed in red) on 10th September 2005.



The footpath from Wistaston Green Road towards the 'Joey' area before resurfacing.

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 notice-board close to the Church Lane entrance, online (search on Wistaston Conservation Group), and on Facebook.

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Willaston WI are enjoying a very busy summer. As well as the regular monthly meetings many extra activities are arranged.

At the beginning of the year members sampled the Escape Rooms at Crewe Ten Pin Bowling Centre and were almost successful in their efforts to escape from The Titanic and Alcatraz. This was followed a month later by Ten Pin Bowling. Both activities were much enjoyed. Later in the year we were able to try Crown Green Bowling at Willaston's delightful bowling club with help and instruction provided by experienced bowlers.

Two full day outings have taken place. Firstly, to the Black Country Museum by coach and later to Media City travelling by rail and including a boat trip.

Craft workshops are organized several times a year and early in the year members made Candle Boxes.

A monthly lunch is held on the last Friday of each calendar month at a popular local venue. In June it was 'The Elephant' which provided lovely food for a large number of us. In July a towpath walk to The Barbridge was enjoyed and in August it will be time to try our hands at the skittles alley at the Bickerton Poacher. This was hugely popular last year.

Three times a year events are held at St Luke's Church in Coppice Road. These include a delicious afternoon tea provided by our members, a dominoes competition and a bingo evening.

Cheshire Federation of WIs organize a Group Meeting twice a year the most recent being "Monday is Washday". A comical but informative talk on the amount of work which used to be involved to provide clean clothes and linen. Several local groups band together to enjoy these evenings which are presently being held at Nantwich Football Club.

The main monthly meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at The Acacia Suite (The Masonic Hall) Willaston CW5 7ER at 7pm for the meeting to begin at 7.30pm. Visitors, potential new members are very welcome to attend on a try before you buy basis and can be sure of a warm welcome. If you would like more information see Willaston WI Facebook or telephone Jenny Hodkinson on 07854 869325 or Brenda Taylor on 07484 100456.

Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre

General Update

It's been a busy summer recess, we have completed the replacement of all the strip lighting in the main hall for new LED units. This type of lighting is recyclable and helps to reduce our carbon footprint, as well as having a longer lifespan, being more cost effective to run and so reducing maintenance costs. We are in our final stages of becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, more on this will follow in the Winter Roundabout.

On the 12th of September, to coincide with Heritage Open Days, we will be celebrating 75 years in the community with an exhibition showcasing the history and current activities in the Hall. This event is in the Dudley Room from 1.00pm, free entry and refreshments available. Please come along and chat to us about your memories of the Hall, Bowling Green and Tennis Courts. At 7.30pm Crewe Concert Band will be entertaining us in the main hall, pay on the door, £5.

Centre Rebuild Project Update

We have been following The National Lottery Community Fund (TNLCF) guidelines to review options for rebuilding the Hall since June 2023. Finally in May this year we had 2 viable options which we proceeded to score. Option 6, 'To reallocate the way the site is apportioned between Hall, Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club and Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club' was selected. This was ratified at the Management Trustees meeting on 30th May 2024.

We will soon be in a position to start working with our appointed architect from Bower Edleston to develop plans for the new Hall.

To get the latest news, visit our Rebuild page at www.wistastonmemorialhall.uk.

Volunteers Needed!

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

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

In May we welcomed Sioned Hughes from Oswestry with her demonstration 'Beyond Mere Words'. It was a very enjoyable afternoon including her tales of life living on a Shropshire farm.

Jane Pugh from Lydbury North gave us a lovely demonstration in June with her title 'Walk on the Wildside'.

In July we were entertained by Mark Entwistle from Sandbach with 'Botanical Art'.

The stage was full of fabulous flowers and arrangements. Pictured is Mark with one of his stunning arrangements.

In September we are looking forward to Demonstrations 'A Little of What you Fancy' with Kate Russell from Spital and in October Vanessa Wellock with 'Bringing Colour to Grey'. Vanessa is a national demonstrator from Ilkley and this is sure to be a creative and entertaining afternoon!



Our Autumn workshop takes place in September with Kathleen Williams from Oldham, where we will be making paper flowers. In December we will be running a Christmas workshop.

Come and spend an enjoyable couple of hours with us here at Wistaston Flower Club – you could even go home with one of the fabulous raffle prizes which will be created before your eyes. For more information about our activities or meetings please contact Caryn Murray (07530682196 or carynmurray24@gmail.com)



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NATURE ARTICLE

In April Valerie Bentley of Princess Drive, on reading the nature article, rang to mention a jay had been seen for eight years in succession, passing into the thick trees dividing her large garden from the main road, but never nesting. These shy birds are seldom far from trees, and, although concealing themselves in woodlands more than other corvids will, as, is proven here, are happy to visit town parks and gardens. The blood-curdling screech is characteristic, the white rump distinctive in flight. Acorns are an important survival food in winter, often buried for future use.

On 21 April Tony Harding saw his first swallows during a visit to his daughter at Red Hall Farm. Tony is keen to compare annual arrival dates.

We've witnessed the strange phenomenon of starlings descending en masse in a frenzy of pecking on the lawn. Have others noticed this explosion? A few hectic minutes and all will have gone, peace restored. Seen less and less these days, these birds continue to breed, family groups still visiting us to feed, noisy squabbling for parental attention not always rewarded.

The hotter, sunnier, days produce the occasional scream of our diminishing swifts, mingled with twitter of swallows, too high up to discern. Wood pigeons forever play the mating game, and it was strange to catch a stock dove displaying to a pigeon, being so much smaller and daintier.

Butterflies have been scarce, blues and a brimstone crossing the garden, but with even a dearth of the ubiquitous whites, perhaps proof of a chillier than normal start to Summer.

Mammalwise, at 4.30a.m., 12 June, Robert Day of Sandylands Park, watched a fox run from his neighbour's back garden. He believes the sight of him at the window might have startled it (bet you wouldn't hurt a fly, Robert!). The previous week Robert had seen a fox heading for the allotments opposite ourselves in Sandylands, having caught something. Yes, we are privileged to see foxes now and then, sometimes in broad daylight.

Later in June the Booths of Freshfields noticed a red kite flying over towards the park, a rare and beautiful sight.

They also photographed a great Spotted woodpecker feeding out of a coconut shell.



The predominance of sporting events, not to mention a General Election, may be eclipsing our concentration on the 'Great Outdoors', but it is a relief to acknowledge it will still be there when all the excitement is over!

Our thanks to all contributors.

Trevor and Hilary Clowes Tel. 664358 email handt136@talktalk.net

Mrs Ann Serventi writes:

I was reading the latest edition of Roundabout and always enjoy the Nature Article.

I have lived in Wistaston for ten years now and love hearing about what people see in the area and in their gardens .

Squirrels, hedgehogs and a woodpecker are about all I have seen in my garden

until just now. My son bought me a ring doorbell for Christmas and apart from the security aspect I have seen things I never thought I would see in my front garden.

I regularly see a fox and have captured this at least four times, but I couldn't believe my eyes when I checked my camera a few days ago. A badger climbed into my large plant pot jumped down and then just wandered off.



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WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to this latest report from the Wistaston Bowling Club. The club held its open day in early June which coincided with the club's 65th anniversary. This was an opportunity for both children and adults to try their hand at bowls. Thankfully we were blessed with decent weather and a good time was had by all. The league bowling season got under way in early April with a fine win for the A team at home to Coppenhall 161-123. The B team did not fare so well going down 118-136 at Middlewich and finally in the C team got their season off to a good start with a win at home over Rode Heath B 158-131. In the Crewe and Nantwich veterans league the A team started their campaign off with a loss at Shavington. While the B team had a fine win at the Barony Park. Meanwhile the C and D teams met each other with the C team taking the honours. In the Holmes Chapel league the A team lost their first game at the Victoria club (Holmes Chapel) but the next game came back with a thumping win at home over Haslington A. The B team in division 3 got off to a very poor start losing their first 4 games before winning their next 3 with two impressive wins against Haslington B at home 167-127 and Coronation B (Congleton) away 166-123.

In the Sandbach cup competition preliminary round the A team had a walk over but were eliminated in the next round by Victoria A. The B team were also defeated by Middlewich Community Club B. The C team were unable to field a team due to illness and injury. In the Crewe and Nantwich veterans cup the A team had a first round win against Rode Heath but lost to Coppenhall Methodists B in the next round. The B team unfortunately lost their first round tie against Willaston A. The C team won their first round tie against a strong Middlewich Community Club A winning by just two points and also won their next tie against Willaston B before being defeated in the quarter finals by Middlewich Community Club B.

The club is open for new members so if anyone would like to try bowling we have social bowls on Tuesday (2pm-4pm) Friday (6.30pm-8pm) Saturday and Sunday (2pm-4pm). Equipment is available to borrow. For more information see our Facebook page Wistaston MH Bowling Club or visit our web page www.wistastonbowling.club.

Paul Latham.



MOVIES WITH A MESSAGE ON THE BIG SCREEN @ WELLS GREEN OCTOBER 2024 - MARCH 2025

We are delighted to present another season of films that raise moral, social, political and spiritual questions. Our licence does not permit us to publicise the titles of the movies we are showing (short of a prohibitive fee), but here are some clues, while further information is readily available from Malcolm Crook, m.h.crook@keele.ac.uk

Sunday 20 October
Sunday 17 November
Sunday 15 December
Sunday 19 January
Sunday 16 February
Sunday 16 March

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Lake District Wartime Refuge
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Reclaiming a Stolen Family Painting
From Slave to Court Musician in France
The First Women's World Cup

All movies start at 2.30pm, on the third Sunday in the month. There is no charge for admission, but a donation can be made. You may bring your own refreshments. Wells Green Methodist Church is situated just off the junction of Brookland Avenue with the Crewe Road, next door to the Leonard Brothers Veterinary Surgery, CW2 8EJ. Parking is available on the main road side of the Vets, but not adjacent to its entrance, behind the next-door Optician's bungalow, and along Brookland Avenue (please respect residents' entrances). We shall look forward to seeing you.

This is Aline and her story is told on page 30, in the second article, at the bottom of the page.



WISTASTON'S ANNUAL BOAT AND DUCK RACE

The annual Wistaston 'Children's Model Boat Race and Duck Race' will take place on Saturday 7th September 2024 at the Joey the Swan parkland area (behind the Wistaston sign on Church Lane) in Wistaston, Cheshire. In the event of bad weather, the races will be moved to Saturday 14 September.



The stalls and fun games open from 1pm. Admission to the event is free! Please bring CASH as many of the small activities and stalls can't take cards.

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

1. Best designed, homemade, children's model boat - judging is at 2:10pm.
2. Children's model boat race (maximum size of boat is 30cm) - starts at 2:30pm. Children can enter a boat on the day (prior to 2pm).
3. The Duck Race - starts at 3:15pm. Duck Race tickets - £2 each (ducks are available on the day).

The event is organised by volunteer members of the Wistaston Community Events team who always welcomes new members to help organise Wistaston village events including the Village Fete (June), Flower and Produce Show (August), Fireworks Display 2nd November and the Christmas Concert 6th December .

For further information please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/wistaston> and <http://www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk/> or give your name and mobile number to any of the organisers and someone will get back to you. *Jonathan White*

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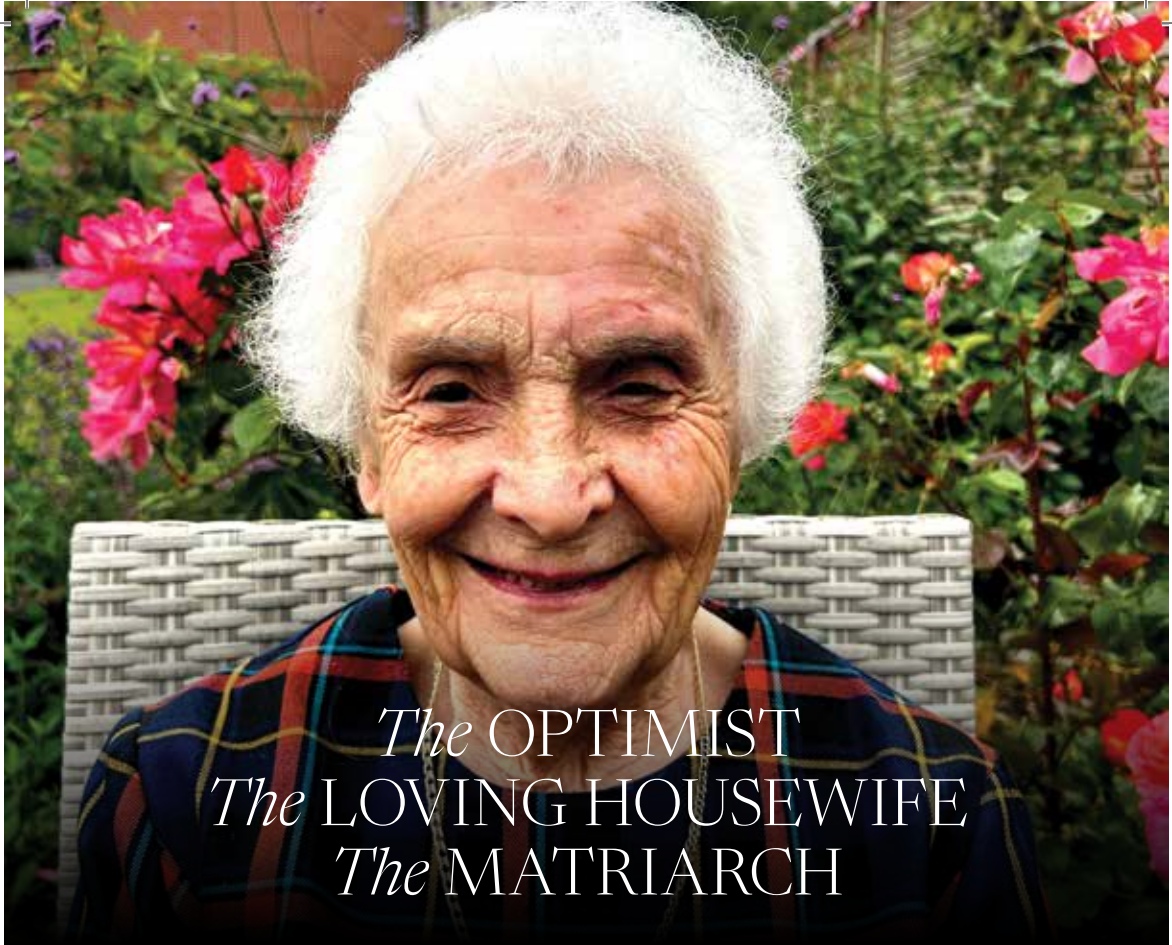
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The OPTIMIST *The* LOVING HOUSEWIFE *The* MATRIARCH

I was born in a little place called Dawlish, in Devon. I grew up in a very large family and got married when I was 20. I went on to have four and then... well, I was a housewife and mother. I just brought the children up - one happy family!

When I was 80, I was widowed, and I came to live in Crewe so I could be closer to my granddaughters. I then came to Richmond Villages Willaston (as I thought) for a fortnight holiday - but I never went home! I didn't know

I had dementia so, if I've got it, I don't know when it started!

I'm very lucky to have my granddaughter and daughters working here - what more could I want? It's lovely - the staff support me with shopping, the washing, the ironing - they help me with absolutely everything. You're very well looked after. I don't think 'ohhh it's just another day....!'. I think 'I'm at home' and that's exactly what I feel like here.

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Madame Klara

Jonathan White has written to Roundabout with information of Klara who opened her salon in the centre of Wistaston some time ago. Her salon became such an important part of the village that now it seems difficult to imagine it not being there. Whilst Klara, herself, hasn't been there for a while, the salon has carried on until

Jonathan writes: 'Klara's unisex salon on Kings Drive in Wistaston is closing. A sign in Klara's shop window says: *'After 35 years, it is time to say Goodbye; we would like to thank you all for your loyal support. Thank You for the happy memories; you all became friends, not just customers. Love, Dawn, Michelle, Tracey.'*

My brother, Chris, has found an article about Klara published in the Spring 1986 edition of 'Roundabout'. The author and photographers are unknown. Please find the text from the article below.

I've also enclosed a more recent image in the Winter Roundabout, Issue 100, featuring an advertisement for Madam Klara (as it was then known). I do not know whether Klara or her brother and sisters are still alive.

Jonathan White'

Once upon a time in Kosowa

Klara and her two sisters and brother were born in Kosowa, a small town in rural Poland in the 1930s. So, what is her connection with England, Crewe and Wistaston and how and why did she choose to come here?

Klara's is an exciting story and it would need the whole of Roundabout to complete it. Find out in the next issue how Klara began her long journey.

Members of St Mary's and Wells Green churches were out collecting door-to-door for Christian Aid again this year, and we would like to thank residents of Wistaston for their tremendous generosity. We raised over £2,400, when giving from our congregations, plus gift aid, is included in the total. On this occasion, the focus for our ongoing efforts to provide assistance, for relief and development in some of the poorest parts of the planet, was the Central African state of Burundi. **We highlighted the case of one its inhabitants, Aline.** She was supplied with seeds to grow more drought-resistant crops, and her family was given a bicycle to help take the produce to market. As a result, her sons are now able to attend school and she is building a brick house for her family. She is most grateful for the love and support that we are providing. *Malcolm Crook*

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