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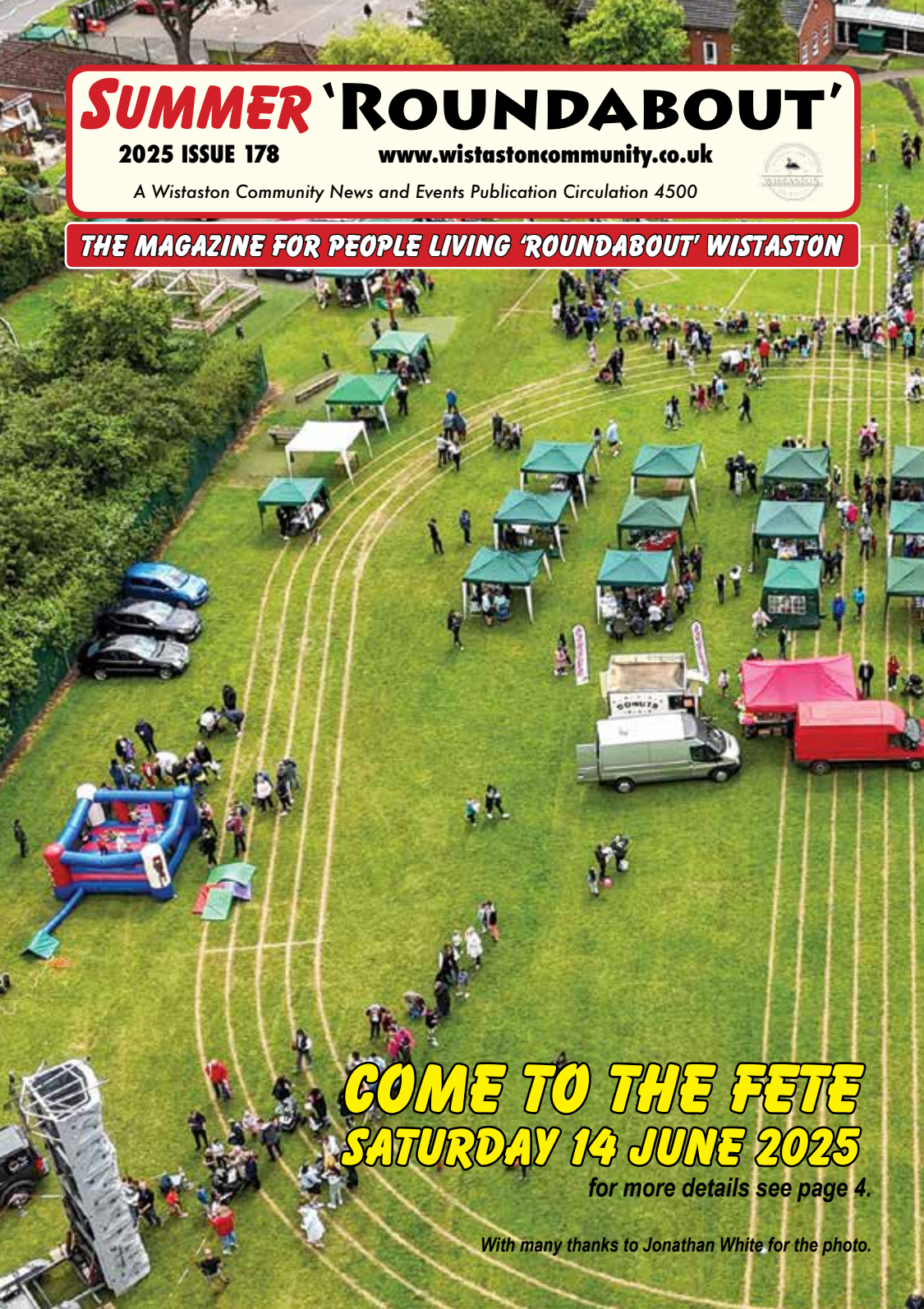
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SATURDAY 14 JUNE 2025**

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EDITORIAL FOR SUMMER 2025

Hopefully we haven't had all our summer yet but it has been a beautiful spring. 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 2025 by the 15 July.

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Dates for your Diary 2025

Check what is happening in Wistaston. Keep looking on facebook and notice boards for updates etc. but jot these dates down in your diaries.

Wistaston Village Fete - Saturday 14 June 2025

When we welcome back Orbis Outdoor Adventures wall. We are joined by Owl Farm, scouts, guides, fire and police; Crewe Concert Band; TGA Dane and the army cadets. A great programme.

Flower and Produce Show - Saturday 16 August 2025

Annual Duck Race - Saturday 6 September

or alternative date 13 September.

Fireworks - 1 November 2025 – Brittles.

Remembrance Service: 9 November at 3pm in the Memorial Hall

Christmas Concert: Friday 5 December, St Mary's Church Hall



The Laurie Twiss Award

To all 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.

Entries should be submitted by 31 July 2025 to: Eileen Bamber, 31 Broughton Lane, Wistaston or email eileen@bamberuk.com



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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Sarah Turnbull	104 Church Lane, Wistaston, CW2 8ER clerk@wistastonparishcouncil.org.uk	07301 026335
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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.

We are a friendly group with interesting speakers.

Come along as a guest for £2 and experience what we have to offer.

For further information contact Pauline Hutchings on 01270 211674

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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)

We have had a relatively quiet period for some time; however recent events show an upsurge in ASB.

The reported issues are considerable, many on our open spaces and woodlands.

In summary, examples include.

Cycles and motorised vehicles damaging the football field and grasslands.

Destruction of the Pet memorial tree.

Aggression and abuse directed towards our Conservation team.

Theft of the Owl carving on Joey the Swan.

The latter is particularly upsetting to many as this was a carving made by a local resident and installed by our conservation team.

A reward has been offered for its safe return. If found please contact our Clerk.

We would appeal to residents to report problems direct on Tel. 101 and our Clerk.

2 Wistaston in Bloom (WIB)

A small change in our plans this year to plant 5 major beds with a flower display.

Other beds are to be maintenance only by our Conservation team.

Three of our beds are a wooden structure due for replacement. Two have been completed and the remaining bed is under construction.

Thanks to our conservation team for their wood making skills.

We would still like a few WIB volunteers and a team leader.

Interested? please contact our Clerk.

3. Council Vacancies

We have vacancies in both Wistaston Green and St Mary's Wards. Interested?

Please contact our Clerk in writing with a short resume.

If a discussion is required on any of the Councils activities please contact our Clerk or Chairman.

4. Future meetings

19th June 2025, 17th July 2025, 18th September 2025, 16th October 2025, 20th November 2025 and 18th December 2025.

Cllr J. Moore

Chairman

Thanks to Councillor John Moore

Congratulations and thanks to Councillor John Moore for 25 years continuous service as Chairman of Wistaston Parish Council.



Wistaston Community Council 42nd Flower & Produce Show Saturday 16th August 2025

Just look at all the wonderful produce you could add to. Look at the schedule on the centre pages and more details on page 31.





Memorial Hall - General Update

On the 9th of May we hosted an 80th VE Day Celebration Concert. The event was well supported and an enjoyable evening was had by all. The outside of the building has been decorated with bunting for a season of fairs and entertainment.

Rebuild Update

We have been working with our architect Clive Tucker at Bower Edleston to refine the plans for the new Hall and the latest versions were approved by the Hall Management Trustees on 24th April 2025 for issue to Stakeholders, which include the Tennis and Bowling clubs and the Wistaston Parish Council.

We can't wait to share them with you and will shortly arrange open days at the Hall to provide the opportunity for you to view and discuss the plans with the Hall Management Trustees. Please check our website Rebuild Project - **WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL & COMMUNITY CENTRE** for details. The design brief for the new Hall can also be viewed on the Rebuild page of our website.

There is still a long journey ahead of us, starting with obtaining planning permission and seeking funding before we have to say a fond farewell to our existing Hall. Timescales will become clearer as we progress through 2025.

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))**



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(1st Wednesday of each month (excluding January, August & November))

Our 2025 programme has started with a 'Bang' with a fabulous demonstration from the amazing Dawn Weaver from Chester 'Floral Innovations' – we welcomed renewing and new members following our AGM in February, still room for more if you would like to join our lively group each month either as a member or as a visitor.

We welcomed in April – Brenda Howell from Ceredigion – 'Goodbye Winter,

Hello Spring' and in May – Becca Morris from Oswestry – 'Inspired by Nature'

On 4th June we welcome Gill McGregor from Waltham Cross – 'Floral Jewels and Artistry' - Gill is a National Demonstrator and this is a very special event.

On 2nd July – Andrew Lloyd from Stourbridge with his title 'Midsummer Madness'



Wistaston Flower Club, together with Nantwich Flower Club are supporting and sponsoring the Floral Art Section – 'CHESHIRE DELIGHTS' at the Nantwich Show 2025. This is being held at Reaseheath on Wednesday 30th July 2025.

Entries to the competition are now open. Details can be found on the Nantwich Agricultural Show website or by contacting judy.gratton@live.co.uk

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





Curious about the Christian faith? Try Alpha!

St Mary's Wistaston are running an Alpha Course beginning on Wednesday 11 June and you would be most welcome to join us.

The venue will be at our church in Willaston, St Luke's, Coppice Road, Willaston, CW5 6QA, from 7:30pm-9pm, it will run for six weeks and it is for anyone 18 years of age or older.

At Alpha you will join in a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session, we will watch an episode on a different question of faith – then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

To find out more please visit our website at stmaryswistaston.org.uk/alpha where you can also register your interest or you can give me a call. Best Wishes, Revd Mike (01270 665742).



Saturday 6th September 2025 Village Duck Race and Model Boat Race

Our Annual Village Duck Race comes after all the other events of the summer; after the fete, the Flower and Produce Show, when everyone has more or less had their holidays and the schools are returning as well.

So put it in your diaries now and start designing your own model boat.

Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

Under the guidance of our Head Groundsman **Kevin Jobbins**, our cricket club is ready to embrace the new **2025** season having ensured that our wickets and outfield will be in first-class condition, that will continue to ensure the club's standard is maintained, and cricket can be enjoyed by members and visiting cricket teams.

Forthcoming season: - The **2025** season commences on **19th April** when our **First Eleven**, competing in the **Cheshire Cricket League Division 3**, visit **Glazebury**. The **Second Eleven** will be competing in **The North Stafford South Cheshire Premier Cricket League Division 8**; their first match is away to **Stafford 4th XI**. The **Third Eleven**, competing in the **Stone and District Cricket League - Section B North 2025** will commence their campaign away against **Elworth.CC**. The **Swans Eleven** will be competing in **Division 4 (West) of The Cheshire Women's Cricket League**, their first game is scheduled at home against **Oxton CC** and the **Soft Ball** team playing in **Division 5 (south)** have their first game of the season away against **Haslington**.

Our junior teams, the future of our cricket club, will be competing in their respective leagues within **The South Cheshire Junior Cricket League**. **Under 9's** visit **Aston CC**, **Under 11's** are away to **Aston CC** and finally the **Under 13's** are away to **Bunbury CC**.

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

Following the cricket club's **A.G.M.**, in January, the following members were elected. Chairperson – Tanith Allwood - Secretary – Tristan King. Treasurer – Kevin Jobbins. CCL League Rep – Billy Ridgway. - Safeguarding Office – Charlotte Bowker. Social secretary - Becky l'Anson. Communications/Social Media Officer - Becky l'Anson. Head Groundsman – Kevin Jobbins. 1st Team Captain – Billy Ridgway. 2nd Team Captain – Andy Whitehurst. Junior Co-Ordinator - Charlotte Bowker. Under 13's - Keith Thornhill & David Gregg. Under 11s – Tristan King . Under 9's - Charlotte Bowker & Kevin Jobbins. Allstars - Tanith Allwood. Ladies Hardball Manager - Zoe Davies. Ladies Softball Manager - Kat Edmonds & Helen Edwards. Parent Representatives:- Under 9 - Becky l'Anson. Under 11 - Bev Wrighton. Under 13 - Jo Davies. Other committee members - John Avery, Steve Collins, Marcus Pownall and Mark Bourne.

IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARIES.

President's Day:- 24th August (to be confirmed). Ladies Softball Festival:- 29th June. 2025 Ladies Softball festival:- 29th June. Race Night:- 5th July.

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; we are proud on being very much a child friendly club and have been re-credited with the **E.C.B Club Mark** originally awarded in May 2005. Interested in joining **W.V.C.C?** Please contact **Kevin Jobbins: 01270 484494** 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.

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



CRICKET TEASERS SIX OF THE BEST

1. Until 1889 how many balls an over used to be bowled.
2. What was the colour of the cricket ball used in the earlier days of women's cricket in England.
3. When and where was the first Test played.
4. Name the second oldest cricket club in the world after (Marylebone Cricket Club), London.
5. Who made the first century in a One-Day International.
6. When was overarm bowling accepted as legal? (a) 1845. (bn) 1862, © 1864, (d) 1874, or (e) 1881.

ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 23

Wistaston Conservation Group

Hello again, here is our latest article to let you know what we did on one day in January and a little about Hoverflies, an unsung but important insect, and how you can help it.

Promoting the wildflowers.



When the unusually cold weather gave way to milder conditions last January, our thoughts turned to the spring and summer when the flowers would start to appear. Some time ago we cleared the land between the Spinney and the wide concrete bridge over the brook, of the long grass and the brambles that had formed a dense cover, hindering growth of the wild flowers so important to butterflies and other species of insects.

So a large team attacked the brambles in this area, three of us using brush cutters to level the

brambles, and cut the grass to a manageable length. In just over an hour a wide area was cleared and it was then the turn of the others to cut, lop, scythe, rake, and carry the debris away to make tidy piles in the wooded area. We call these piles wood-rows or hibernacula and they provide shelter for developing insects and small animals during cold weather.

We also thinned out the tree branches to reduce the thickness of the leaf canopy next summer, this should also help to promote wildflower growth. The resulting branches were added to the wind-rows to weigh them down in case of the return of the strong winds, we had experienced at the end of last year.

Afterwards, it all looked much more open and spacious – the dog walkers certainly appreciated our efforts.

Like many of the jobs we have taken on we will have to do it all over again in time, but we know this and enjoy the work because it benefits the area, and people enjoy the improved wildlife habitat.



Hoverflies friends of nature.

It has been suggested that gardeners be asked to do more to help to increase the number of hoverflies. These small flies that are a similar species to houseflies are often mistaken for wasps and bees due to the fact that they have a very similar striped appearance, a natural defence against predators, but unlike wasps and bees they do not have stings and cannot harm people. One sure way to differentiate between bees, wasps and hoverflies is the fact that the former have two pairs of wings and hoverflies only have one pair.

They do however have a similar purpose in nature in that they are essential in pollinating crops and other plants.

It is estimated that the number of hoverflies have declined by 40% since 1980, and that they pollinate over 50% of all plants, second only to bees, which are also in decline.

Hoverflies start their life cycles in water as larvae and because of this ponds and still waters are essential to them. Because of many causes, including more intensive farming and the increased use of insecticides along with the loss of habitat and climate change, hoverflies are now on the Red List of endangered species. Help can be given in many ways such as establishing a small garden pond that does not need to be very deep, a few inches of water with leaf debris will be sufficient provided it is kept topped up in dry weather or by planting small flowering plants such as primroses and lungworts, that provide nectar an essential food for many insects.

Another way of helping is to make a 'Hoverfly Lagoon'. Start with a plastic bucket or a large plastic plant-pot without a hole in the base and cut several small holes in the sides half-way down to allow excess rainwater to drain away, then put some chipped tree bark in the bottom, also a layer of grass clippings to the same depth and compress them. Add a layer of straw or dry leaves and place some sticks vertically down the inside of the bucket to assist the young hoverflies to exit and start their new life as pollinators.

Finally put water in the container, rainwater being preferable, enough to cover the tree bark and the clippings.

The lagoon can be placed anywhere in your garden where it is not likely to be disturbed, and those of us who grow roses may like to know that hoverflies at the larval stage have a voracious



appetite for aphids, and it is quite possible that an adult emerging from your lagoon will lay its eggs in a colony of aphids on your or a neighbour's roses.

If anyone would like to discuss with us the work we do, or suggest future projects they will find us working each Monday morning usually in the Joey the Swan area. We start at 9.30am and finish slightly after mid-day. Our exact location may be found on our website, or displayed on the notice board at the Church Lane entrance.



Wistaston Community Council

42nd

Flower & Produce Show

Saturday 16th August 2025

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 of 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 of 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 a saucer)
- F14. A Begonia in a Pot (with a saucer)
- F15. Flowering Plant in a Pot (with a saucer) excluding plants from Classes F13/14/17/18
- F16. A Foliage Plant in a Pot (with a saucer)
- F17. Six Fuchsia Heads on a board
- F18. A Fuchsia in a Pot (up to 15cm, with a saucer), any variety
- F19. Alpine Garden 25cm x 25cm maximum

SECTION V: VEGETABLE CLASSES

- V1. A Vegetable not on schedule (please specify on entry form and label exhibit)
- 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. "Women's Rugby World Cup 2025"

A2. Arrangement in an unusual container– not to exceed 46cm in width and length; height unrestricted

SECTION H: HOUSECRAFT CLASSES-Please cover entries with transparent covering

H1. A Jar of Home Made Jam – cellophane/muslin covers only

H2. A jar of Home Made Marmalade – cellophane/muslin covers only

H3. A Jar of Home Made Chutney - cellophane/muslin covers only

H4. Three Pieces of Shortbread

H5. Three Square Flapjacks

H6. Three Jam Tarts

H7. A Plate of Three Chocolate Butterfly Cakes

H8. Three slices of a tray bake (to be named on plate)

H9. A Lemon Drizzle Cake baked in a loaf tin

H10. A Victoria Sponge Cake – **Please read RULE 19 carefully for recipe**

H11. Five Decorated Cup Cakes

H12. An Apple Pie approx. 20cm in diameter, short crust pastry top and bottom, presented on a plate

H13. Three Cheese Scones

H14. A Quiche – approx. 20cm in diameter, presented on a plate

SECTION W: BEVERAGES

W1. Bottle of Home Made Fruit/Vegetable/Flower Alcoholic Drink (please name)

W2. Bottle of Home Made Fruit/Vegetable/Flower Non-Alcoholic Drink (please name)

SECTION Y: HOBBYCRAFTS (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

Y7. A Woodcraft item (please specify type and size on entry form)

Y8. A Homemade Garment, on a hanger if applicable (Please specify type on entry form)

SECTION C: CHILDREN'S CLASSES

C1. Pre-school – "My Favourite Flower"

C2. Under 12's – A Miniature Garden in a container not exceeding 20 cm

C3. Under 12's – A Greeting Card

C4. Under 12's – A Decorated Plant Pot

C5. Under 12's – One Decorated Cup Cake

PARISH COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Class A: A Typical Snapshot (printed)

Class B: A Cardboard Framed Enlargement

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

Entries to be with the Show Secretary by 9th August 2025.

Please read the schedule and the rules very carefully to make sure your entries are in the correct class, are trimmed as directed, are the correct size, and contain the correct amount of ingredients.

Show Secretary Tel: 07720 505815

Email: WistastonShow@gmail.com

Historic South West Cheshire Scouts exhibition draws enthusiastic crowds

The rich history of Scouting in South West Cheshire was brought to life during a special exhibition held on Saturday 15th March, and Sunday 16th March 2025. The event took place at the Wistaston Scout Centre in Bluebell Wood, off Elm Drive, Wistaston and attracted visitors eager to explore a fascinating collection of memorabilia spanning more than a century.

Organised by a dedicated team of volunteers, the exhibition featured an extensive array of historical items from the South West Cheshire Scouts District's archives, with artifacts dating back to 1907. Among the treasures on display were badges, pennants, World Scout Jamboree souvenirs, Scouting awards, vintage postcards, and annuals. Enthusiasts also marvelled at a unique collection of Scouts on stamps, historic uniforms, rare books - including a 1920 International Olympia edition - flag staffs, plaques, and newspaper clippings from the 1920s onwards.

A standout attraction was a tent once owned by Scouting founder Lord Baden-Powell, alongside an impressive collection of woggles and a dedicated Gang Show display. Additionally, the exhibition proudly showcased the MBEs awarded to John Bennett MBE and Michael Bennion MBE, both long-time volunteers recognised for their outstanding contributions to Scouting and youth development in Cheshire.

Visitors also had the chance to delve into local Scouting archive records, providing a rare glimpse into the history and impact of the movement in the region.

A particularly special moment during the event was the attendance of Peter and Peggie Taylor from Crewe, both 100 years old and married for nearly 80 years. Peter, the Life President of South West Cheshire Scouts, served as a Wireless Operator on Liberator bombers during World War II and is a former headteacher of Wistaston Green Primary School.

Reflecting on the event, co-organiser Gerald Newbrook expressed his delight at the enthusiastic response: "It's incredible to see how Scouting has evolved over the decades, yet the spirit of adventure and camaraderie remains the same. This exhibition brings to life the stories, traditions, and achievements of Scouts past and present. It's been a joy to share these treasures with the community."

The exhibition was coordinated by Gerald Newbrook, Bob Cave, John Whittingham, Des Scott, Rob Galloway, Roy Bradley, and Keith Sarson.

For those who missed the event, a video overview is available on YouTube by searching for 'South West Cheshire Scouts District archive exhibition' or visiting <https://youtu.be/-31eJpps91s>.

For more information about Wistaston Scout Group, visit <http://wistastonscoutgroup.org.uk/>.

With many thanks to Jonathan White for this text and also for the photos on page 26.



A TRIUMPHANT TRIBUTE TO THE HEROES OF VE DAY

The event, commemorating the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day was a moving tribute to the resilience and sacrifice of the wartime generation. Fittingly, the venue itself carries deep symbolic weight. Opened 76 years ago in the shape of a cross, Wistaston Memorial Hall stands in memory of the sixteen brave men from Wistaston who gave their lives during the Second World War.



The Hall was resplendent in red, white and blue bunting, setting the stage for a night of nostalgia and celebration. Attendees were treated to a powerful programme of classic wartime songs, including "Kiss Me Goodnight, Sergeant Major," "Run, Rabbit, Run," "We're Going to Hang out the Washing on the Siegfried Line," "The Quartermaster's Store," "Mademoiselle from Armentières," "The White Cliffs of Dover," and "We'll Meet Again."

The performance culminated in a stirring rendition of the patriotic hymn "I Vow to Thee, My Country," leaving many in the audience visibly moved.

Guests were invited to enjoy a selection of refreshments, take part in a raffle, and view a fascinating display of World War II memorabilia, thoughtfully arranged to deepen the historical context of the evening.

Admission to the concert was free, with generous donations collected via a retiring collection, reinforcing the spirit of community that underpinned the event.

The South Cheshire Concert Band, formed in 2014, is well known across the region for its enthusiastic musicianship and inclusive community ethos. Their ability to transport listeners through time with music that stirs the soul was on full display during this commemorative evening.

A representative from Wistaston Memorial Hall reflected: "It was an evening to remember - not just for the music, but for the meaning behind it. We're proud to have hosted such a poignant tribute to the past, while celebrating the peace and freedoms hard-won by those who came before us."

With thanks to Jonathan White for the text and photo.

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Blackbirds like to nest low down in a bush, most years a pair starting off in our little conifer, carrying the tell-tale beakloads of material.. Never has a pair completed the task, however, through vulnerability to cats etcetera. Will they ever learn?

A habit of our coal tits is to explore the underside of a bough for titbits (pun not deliberate): such great little acrobats.

1 Feb. saw the first visit of a greenfinch since commencement of our winter's garden bird feeding survey in October, and the familiar song thrush notes, bird unseen, late

Jan.-March, dwindled rapidly, as it always does, unfortunately. Both these birds are sadly on the decline.

We were blessed with a male siskin on 12 Feb., brightly yellowy green on chest, and black crown: a treat as nothing unusual has been coming through.

20 Feb. and a very still frog in the pond. Was it sick? However, a tickle produced sluggish movement, and a bloated belly gave evidence of impending spawning. Ripples in the water were thereafter observed with increasing interest, the primary dollop of spawn arriving next morning. We didn't realise our small pond was home to as many as six frogs, and four large lumps of spawn ultimately spread out across the surface. The perpetrators of the deeds were seen frolicking in the joys of the near-spring sun of 22nd - an amusing sight a frog on each of two of the mounds of spawn, proudly announcing 'King of the Castle' - and still the croaking continued.

Now that we've bidden farewell to winter, blackbirds are seen chasing off rival males, and there is evidence of pairing up among jackdaws.

Our thanks to Louise and Andy Woodman of Kemble Close, with reports of sounds of tawny owl, great spotted woodpecker and gulls. There



are blue tits in their bird-boxes, great tit and robin around, and magpies and crows scarifying the lawns.

Late March and our first notes of chiffchaff in trees across road, plus a small copper butterfly in garden, followed by orange tip. Joyce and Andrew Booth are first-timers at hearing willow warbler song, one calling, 7 April, from trees between Freshfields and Salander. They must have thought it a melancholy little song. Swallows abound, but you have to be quick to spot them!

Mammalwise, our thanks to Graham Roberts who, while walking the main path at Joey the Swan on 21.3, saw two water voles nibbling at the foot of the bird-feeder support, south-east corner of The Spinney. How lucky to find these cuddly creatures, declining as so much of our wildlife is. Legally protected, these voles are suffering from habitat loss and predation by American mink. They differ from brown rats by having a blunt nose, small ears and a furry tail.

Our thanks to all contributors.

Trevor and Hilary Clowes

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willaston WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Willaston WI's 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 Hodgkinson on 07854 869325 or Brenda Taylor 07484 100456.



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Historic South West Cheshire Scouts exhibition draws enthusiastic crowds - continued from page 18



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We've also lots of extra sub-groups, hobby activities and trips out happening each month too including trips to the cinema, theatre, book club, bowling, darts, sewing, knitting groups & garden visits.

Visiting non-members are always welcome, it's £5 entrance. And if you want to join us then a full years membership with access to all our sub-groups and social events is just £51 from April. We even give you free refreshments!

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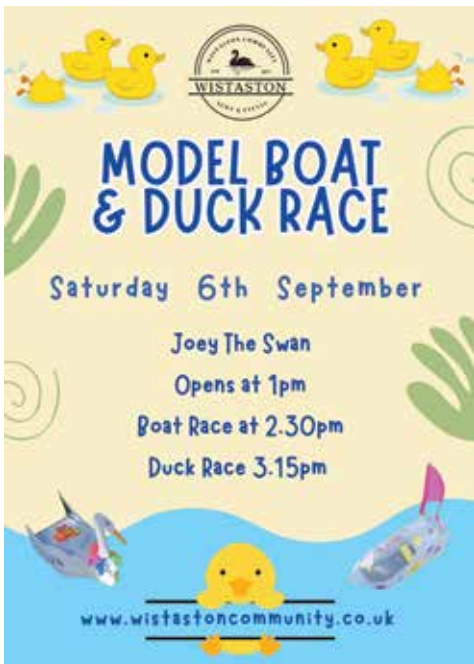
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