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EDITORIAL FOR AUTUMN 2025

What an amazing summer we have had. 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 by the 15 October.

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Dates for your Diary 2025

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 6 September

Fireworks - 1 November 2025 - Brittles

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

Christmas Concert: Friday 5 December at 7pm St Mary's Church Hall

The Village Fete was a great success and thank you to everyone who made it so; 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 helpers on the field keeping everyone interested; our amazing stallholders, the superb cars, our lovely Rose Queen and her retinue. What an amazing line up!! We've not even mentioned our fantastic organisers who made it all possible. Thank you all.



The Laurie Twiss Award

We have received the entries for the Laurie Twiss Award and as soon as we have the winners we will let you know and the results will be in the Winter Roundabout.

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.

Entries should be submitted by 31 July 2026 to: Eileen Bamber, 31 Broughton Lane, Wistaston, or by email to eileen@bamberuk.com



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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. Police Matters

We have been requesting increased support to resolve problems within our community, some of which we reported in the last Roundabout.

I am pleased to report that we have received a positive response. We have nominated officers with our PCSO Lorraine Meggs and a police officer, Matt Halliwell. Actions taken include steps to identify menacing e-bike users across recreation open spaces, Hi-vis foot patrols on Joey the Swan, and Speed camera checks.

The arrangement to set up regular beat meetings is particularly welcome. These are held at two locations, St Mary's Church Hall and the Beech Drive Hub.

The meetings are a drop-in style centre for residents to raise issues directly with our officers. We would encourage residents to use these. Dates; times are published on the Council's Website, Facebook and Police Neighbourhood Alert. If in difficulty, contact your Ward Councillor.

2. Council Co-options

At our July meeting, we approved three co-option requests.

We welcome Kay Garner, Mario Scarpa and Vicky Shaw who will join us in our September meeting.

Details are included in our Ward contact information.

3. Alleyways and Footpaths

We have residents report the poor state, sometimes almost impassable, in several of our Alleyways and Footpaths. With few exceptions, all these are either the responsibility of CEC Highways or Public Rights of Way. Where problems are found we would encourage residents to use the CEC's new reporting site, TRACE

One exception not adopted was the Alleyway from Crewe Road to Merrivale Road alongside the Latter-day Saints Church. Our Council agreed to take action and this has been cleared for safe public use.

4. Future meetings

18 September 2025; 16 October 2025; 20 November 2025 and 18 December 2025 all held at Wistaston Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston at 7.30pm.

Cllr J. Moore Chairman

Wistaston Parish Councillor **Contact Information**

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WISTASTON GREEN WARD (Four Councillors – 3 Vacancies)

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Wistaston Gardeners Society

Monthly meetings are held at Wistaston Memorial Hall
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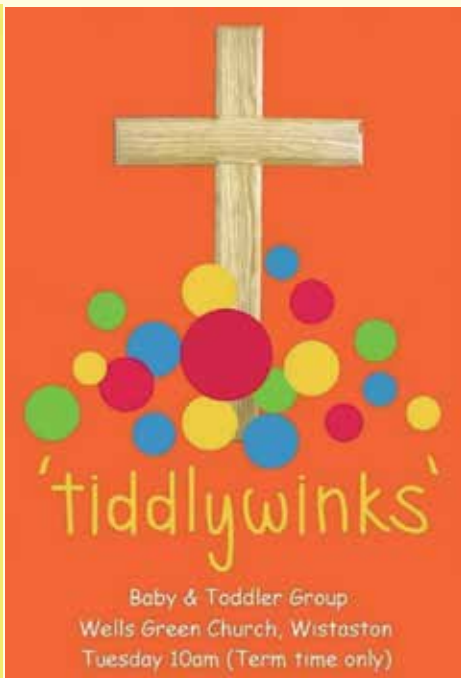


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Christian Aid Week in Wistaston 2025



In May, this year, as always, collectors from St Mary's and Wells Green were out in force, seeking donations as they collected those red envelopes for Christian Aid, the churches' relief and development agency. The focus this year was on Guatemala in Central America, where climate change is devastating crops - including cacao, from which chocolate is made - and damaging the livelihood on which farmers, like Aurelia (pictured above, with her hands full of drought-resistant fertiliser) must depend.

Thanks to the generosity of Wistonians, we raised more than £2,000 out of some £5,000 in Crewe as a whole, which will be sent to assist some of our poorest neighbours on the planet. **ONCE AGAIN, A BIG, BIG THANK YOU!**

Wistaston Flower Club

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

What a spectacular year we are having here at Wistaston Flower Club.

Visiting us in June was Gill McGregor from Waltham Cross with her demonstration 'Floral Jewels and Artistry', followed by a full day workshop on the Thursday. Gill excited us all with her professionalism and her array of stories to tell during her demonstration to packed audience.

In July we welcomed Andrew Lloyd from Stourbridge with his title 'Midsummer Madness'. Andrew is a seasoned demonstrator and came to us with as much madness and laughter as his title. He certainly enjoyed our hospitality and even took home the chocolate biscuit tin!

On a very hot day his flowers were blooming and fresh and our members were thoroughly amused and impressed by his presentation.

In August we have our Afternoon Tea, this year at Alvaston Hall, and our talk is by the Guide Dogs for the Blind.

In September we welcome Debbie Davies from Formby; we look forward to what Debbie will bring to us as her interpretation of 'Branching Out'

Our October Demonstrator will be Dorothy Monks from Holmes Chapel with her title 'As You Like It'

November is our Annual Lunch, this year being held at The Acacia Suite in Willaston and our entertainment for the afternoon will be The Funky Choir – it gives our Members the opportunity to sit and chat and get to know one another.

We are always happy to welcome new members and visitors, and added to our programme this year tea, coffee & biscuits served from 1.45 before our demonstrations.

**For more information about our activities or meetings please contact
Caryn Murray (07530 682196 or carynmurray24@gmail.com)**

St Mary's Church Wistaston



As our thoughts begin to turn towards Autumn, as a church we begin to prepare to celebrate Harvest and God's provision and goodness towards us. As the popular Harvest hymn, *'We plough the fields and scatter'* reminds us *'All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above'*. We will be thanking God for all his good gifts, on Sunday 5 October at St Mary's at 10:40am. At this service we would be pleased to receive dried food gifts for the Crewe and Nantwich Foodbanks.

Continuing our Harvest celebrations, the Robert's Bakery Band will be performing a Concert on Tuesday 28 October in the Church Hall. Doors open 7:15 pm, refreshments available during the interval. Tickets: Adults £10 (Accompanied under 12s free). Tickets available in church and from the Church Office: office@stmaryswistaston.org.uk or 01270 567119. Please see our website stmaryswistaston.org.uk for all the latest news and information.

Best wishes, Revd Mike

Gill McGregor's arrangement.

Andrew Lloyd's arrangement.



Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

By the time this latest editorial finds its way through your letterbox, the **2025** cricketing campaign would be approaching the last few weeks of the cricket club's playing season. It again begs the question where does the time go since my last editorial.

Our **First XI** competing in **The Cheshire Cricket League Division 3**, have at this time, completed just over half their cricketing programme and are holding a mid-table position having won **five** of their eleven fixtures to date and attaining a total of **99** points. There are opportunities to advance up their league before the end of the playing season.

Our **Second XI** competing in **The North Stafford South Cheshire Premier Cricket League Division 8** have had a successful season so far, attaining **4th** position in their league table. From their opening **nine** fixtures they have managed **five** victories with a close defeat against **Congleton** by just 23 runs. **So far they have accrued a total of 129 points.**

Our **Third XI** competing in **The Stone and District Cricket League Section B North**, have from their opening four fixtures accrued **41 points** in a closely fought league. They are just **14 points** behind the leaders. They have a record of played **4**, won **one** and lost **three**, with two close matches. **Our ladies eleven "The Swans"**, competing in **Division 4 (West) of Women's Cricket League** have won **three** of their **seven** opening fixtures which included a valuable **25 points** from their first fixture where their opponents conceded their fixture. Presently they have accrued **102 points** from their fixtures attaining **4th** position in their league.

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

Our **Under 9's** are conducting their campaign very well and at the time of this editorial they hold a **mid table position** in their league with **54 points** from their opening **eight fixtures**.

Our **Under 11's** are enjoying a good season. Currently they hold a **mid table position** in their league with **41 points** from their opening **eight fixtures**.

The **Under 13's** have played **nine fixtures** in their league and have accrued **54 Points holding 5th position** in their league.

Cheshire Women's Cricket League Division5 (South)1

Our ladies team have had a somewhat demanding season so far having played five fixtures and still awaiting their first victory. The most important factor is enjoying what they do and I am certain that that is what they are achieving.

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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 19th September 2025 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, 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 juniors 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, the cost is **£5**. 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 children, who have an interest in playing cricket.

John Avery “Zusammen”, 13 Lear Drive, Wistaston: Tel 0781 7082678

Wistaston Conservation Group

Hello everyone. Just a short piece to let you know about the Great UK Water Blitz where samples were taken from Wistaston Brook and about some tasks we carried out away from our usual place of working.

Great UK Water Blitz. Part 2.

In our article printed in Roundabout 176 (last Winter) we mentioned how one of our team, who is a member of the **Earthwatch Europe** charity (**website <http://earthwatch.org>**) had taken and analysed water samples from a “data-point” at Wistaston Brook, and had found that they recorded acceptable health in both June and September 2024, despite the presence of nutrient pollution in the water.

Nutrient pollution occurs when excessive amounts of nutrients, particularly nitrogen and phosphorus, enter a water body, leading to harmful algal blooms and reduced oxygen levels.

On the 26th of April this year more samples were taken from Wistaston Brook at the same data-point near The Spinney and when analysed, the readings for both phosphates and nitrates were found to be within the low range category for water of this type, a fairly fast flowing body of water which is fed by rainwater from farmland where run-off will inevitably lead to a degree of pollution from farming fertilizers.

Regarding the Water Blitz nationally. During 25-28 April, Earthwatch Europe received over 4,000 data-point readings from nearly 8,000 “citizen scientists” across the UK, and 66% of these data-points showed poor water quality, with unacceptable levels of nutrient pollution.

England showed the worst water quality in the UK this April, 74% of sites tested had unacceptable levels of nutrient pollution.

The Thames and Anglian river basin districts, and the counties of the East Riding of Yorkshire, and Rutland have the worst water quality in the UK, with 86% of measurements showing unacceptable levels of nutrient pollution; closely followed by Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire.

The Neagh Bann river basin district in Northern Ireland, the Scottish counties of Roxburgh, Ettrick and Lauderdale, Ross and Cromarty, Inverness and Kirkcudbrightshire have the best water quality in the U.K. 24% of data points across the UK show E. coli levels that would classify as poor (were the sites to be given bathing water status) with significant regional variation.

In Cheshire, 65 data points were analysed. Of these data points, 63% showed unacceptable levels of nutrient pollution. This compares to 74% in England overall, meaning that Cheshire had better than average water quality.

Rebuilding the beds.

On Wednesday, 30th April this year, our group set to work to rebuild the two raised flower beds situated at the corner of Crewe Road and Rope Lane, at the request of Wistaston Parish Council.

These beds although of a strong design were constructed many years ago and



unfortunately had started to show signs of decay over the last few years. We used good quality timber that had been pressure treated, supplied by the council using corrosion resistant coach bolts, galvanised nails and PVC linings. We are confident that the beds will last for many years and give pleasure to both residents and visitors to our village.

On Thursday, 22nd May, we carried out similar work on the raised flower bed at the corner of Wistaston Green Road and Beech Drive. This bed of a

similar design was reconstructed in the same manner, using the same type of materials.

We never mind doing work of this kind, that is markedly different to our normal work as we know it is appreciated and enhances the appearance of our village.

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 Memorial Hall and Community Centre



General Update

On the 1st of October 2024, Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre incorporated itself as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation(CIO) and is now formally recognised by the above title. The original charity was formally closed in May of this year. This change followed on from the unanimous support of the Wistaston Hall and Community Centre trustees back in March 2023. Thanks are due to members and trustees for the work involved in making this change, a change that allows the hall to manage its assets and activities much more efficiently. The change itself has no impact on hirers of the hall, agreed arrangements continuing as normal.

On the subject of hall hire, the Crewe Concert Band will be performing 'An Afternoon of Remembrance' concert in the hall on Saturday the 8th of November at 2pm, followed on Sunday by our annual Remembrance service at the hall at 3pm.

Finally, we are working on improving security at the Hall and have installed CCTV as an initial step.

Rebuild Update - Community Consultation on proposed new Hall plans



Throughout August the proposed plans for the new Hall were on display in the Armitage Hall and the 2 meeting rooms. We held 2 Open Days on Tuesday 12th August and Saturday 16th August to provide the opportunity for user groups and the local community to view and discuss the plans with the Hall Trustees. Both sessions were well attended and our architect Clive Tucker was there to answer questions on the Tuesday. Visitors were encouraged to provide feedback on the plans using the paper comment forms available in the Hall or by completing the electronic version using the link on our Rebuild Project website page.

The plans are still available to view on our Rebuild Project page. The closing date for feedback is 12th September 2025 so you still have time to share your thoughts with us. We will review feedback and finalise the plans, responding to all suggestions where requested.

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



Autumn meetings of the South Cheshire Nature and Wildlife group

Monday 20th October:

A talk by Lower Moss Wood Animal Rescue Centre on their work. They hope to bring some live owls with them

Monday November 17th

An illustrated talk by Cheshire Wildlife Trust on 'Creating a wilder Cheshire'.

All meetings at Acton Parish Hall. Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start

Wistaston Bus Service Information – with many thanks to some very helpful people.

Services 51, 52 and 53 changed from the 21st July 2025.

The changes are being made following feedback during our first few months of operating these new services.

The route between Leighton Hospital and Nantwich will be changing with all buses operating via Wistaston and now serving Birchin Lane in Nantwich. Sainsbury's will no longer be served, but can still be accessed by changing to service 85 at Nantwich Bus Station.

Buses on service 51 will only run on schooldays. On Saturdays and during school holidays buses will instead run as service 52 to provide additional journeys via Millfields.

This is great news for the area as it will have significantly more bus services. For more information use the link below.

<https://www.dgbus.co.uk/service-updates/>

Wistaston's Bill Heath Celebrated with Prestigious County Tennis Award

Wistaston's Bill Heath has been recognised for his outstanding service to tennis and his local club with the Unsung Hero of the Year 2024 award from Cheshire Tennis.

A long-time volunteer at Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club, Bill has been involved since 2002 and has taken on a wide range of roles over the years — committee member, Treasurer, membership secretary - and currently serves as the Club's Chairman, a position he has held since 2015.

Bill was nominated by club captain and coach George Raiswell, who praised his dedication, leadership, and tireless enthusiasm for the sport. The award was presented by Clive Young, above with Bill, from Cheshire Tennis during a special ceremony held recently at the Club's courts behind Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre on Church Lane.



Bill shared his gratitude: "It's a real honour to receive this award. I've always enjoyed being part of the club, and it's been incredibly rewarding to see it grow and thrive. Tennis brings people together, and I'm proud to be part of that."

Cheshire Tennis, in partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), works to promote and grow tennis across the county. With over 90 clubs, park courts, and an increasing number of padel courts, there are plenty of opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to get involved in the sport - whether for fun or competition.

Bill's passion for his community doesn't stop at the baseline. In 2021, he was named Wistonian of the Year for his significant contributions to village life. Together with his wife Helen, Bill played a key role in Wistaston's success at the 2023 RHS Britain in Bloom UK Finals, where the village scooped a Gold Award in the Town category. He has also served as Treasurer and Booking Officer of Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre since 2018.

Bill Heath is a shining example of how one person's dedication can serve both sport and community - and make a lasting difference in both. For further information relating to Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club please visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WJtennisclub>

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NATURE ARTICLE

27 April and a fox through the garden in daylight hours, sniffing under the conifer before a quick departure. End of April and no parental activity observed among the birds. No house sparrows in sparrow terrace, bees occupying it instead. Blue, brimstone and orange-tip butterflies made a brief presence, with fewer than usual whites. Trevor noticed a downturn in the number of buzzards, but, checking with the local ornithological society, was told there was no problem.

May, and swifts were heard, here at last for their short season with us. Around the pond and neighbouring hedge both a small red and small blue damselfly, perhaps the tiniest members of their family, made fleeting visits early in the month. Mid May a blackbird was gathering nest material and a wood pigeon chose straws of grass with, no doubt, same idea in mind, but, as time went by, no chicks of any species were seen, which is odd: perhaps it's all still waiting to happen. Climate change might mean the food supply was not in evidence at the appointed time. 19 May and a small tortoiseshell butterfly from the Booths who had seen none last year – and on 20th a painted lady. This latter comes to us for the summer from Africa and southern Europe, but, despite breeding, it does not expect to survive northern winters. Small tortoiseshells are regarded as common, hibernating in buildings during winter and producing at least two broods a year.

Another declining species, the stock dove, was reported by Joyce and Andrew Booth, mid June. This bird relies on farmland's stubble fields and it is thought that agricultural chemicals are one cause of the decline. A collared dove, seen by us around the same time, is a rare sighting, numbers settling down after the explosion in Britain from across Europe in the early fifties. The best sighting for the Booths has to be 21 June when a red kite flew over Freshfields, harried by two black-headed gulls. This magnificent swallow-tailed raptor, once rare, is seen more and more often away from its strongholds of Scotland and Wales.

Also in June, Jean and Dennis Buchanan disturbed a scarlet tiger moth which flew towards Joey the Swan. Next day it stayed an hour on their laurel hedge, able to be photographed. The Buchanans read that in Britain this moth is confined to east Kent and south west England and Wales, populations very local. It frequents riverbanks, wet meadows, coast and marshy ground. Is global warming expanding its range? Our comma butterfly of 19 June can hardly compete!

July brought return of a ring-necked parakeet to the village, on 8th one landing in a tree behind Margaret Skerratt while she was talking to a friend. It stayed in one spot for half an hour, long enough for a photograph.

Our thanks to all contributors.
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MOVIES WITH A MESSAGE ON THE BIG SCREEN @ WELLS GREEN



OCTOBER 2025 - MARCH 2026

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 these movies (short of a prohibitive fee), but here are the dates when we are showing them:

**Sundays 19 October; 16 November; 14 December; 18 January;
15 February; and 15 March.**

All movies start at 2.30pm. 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 on Brookland Ave), behind the next-door Optician's bungalow, and along Brookland Avenue (please respect residents' entrances).

**For further information, please contact Malcolm Crook, at
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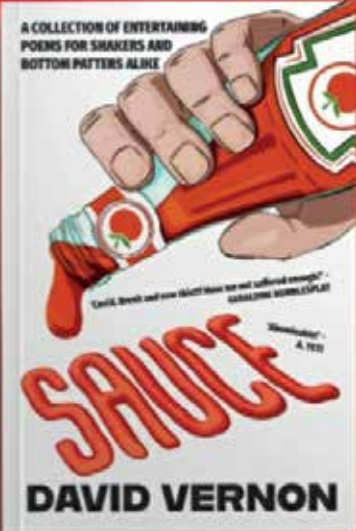
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Wistaston's David Vernon meets comedy hero Johnny Vegas at Dagfields

Wistaston poet and comedian David Vernon, 54, recently lived out a dream moment – meeting comedy legend Johnny Vegas and even appearing on his latest TV show, Johnny Vegas's Little Shop of Antiques, which aired in July on Quest.

The show follows Johnny as he launches his quirky pop-up shop Vintage Vegas, inside the ever-popular Dagfields Antiques & Crafts Centre in Walgherton, near Nantwich. While the pop-up was there just for filming, the rest of Dagfields – boasting seven emporiums, over 300 dealers, and three tea-rooms – continues to draw visitors from near and far. During filming, David snapped up a brightly coloured Cath Kidston teapot from Johnny himself – a fittingly quirky memento of the day.

For David, who has long admired Vegas for his surreal humour, fearless delivery, and warm-hearted personality, the encounter was unforgettable. "It was absolutely fantastic," he said. "I've always looked up to Johnny – not just for the laughs, but for the heart and honesty behind it all."

Sharing a similar comic spirit, David's own style mixes heartfelt moments with a love of the absurd – making this meeting feel like a perfect collision of comedy worlds. *Words and photo Jonathan White*



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This was followed by a lively rendition of the Land Army Girls' song by members in appropriate 'Land Army costumes'

Cakes were provided with poppy decorations. There were also plants for sale brought by our speaker for the evening, Jane Alison, a market gardener.

At our June meeting Hazel Griffiths talked about the very interesting life of Jackie Kennedy. We also enjoyed talks from Val Lithgow and John Ball, both supporters of children's charities at home and abroad. 'Forever Angels' and 'Go Beyond'.

Outings have taken place to Liverpool, Wedgwood Pottery Museum and the National Arboretum. A Games Evening and Coffee Morning both held at St Luke's Church in Coppice Road were very successful.

The 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 07484 100456.





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