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EDITORIAL FOR SUMMER 2026

Do hope you are enjoying our amazing Bank Holiday weather - we have waited some time for this. 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 2026, by the 15th July.

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Dates for your Diary 2026

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.

Village Fete : Saturday 20 June 2026 - Church Lane Academy

Flower and Produce Show - Saturday 15 August 2026

Duck Race - Saturday 5 September 2026

Fireworks - Saturday 7 November 2026

Remembrance Sunday - 8 November 2026 - Memorial Hall

Christmas Concert - Friday 4 December 2026 - Church Hall



The Laurie Twiss Award 2026

All the young writers of Wistaston can begin to think about what they are going to write about this year. It will be a story or article of their 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 Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. PCSO

There has been a recent Police reorganisation in Cheshire East, with a reduction in the number of PCSO officers. The number will reduce from 87 to 57. As part of this change, our recent PCSO, Lorraine Meggs has left the Service. We extend our thanks from the Parish Council for her past service in our community.

We have campaigned for named support, and I can confirm a new PCSO officer, Alexis (Lexi) Barrington, has been appointed. Lexi will be covering the parishes of Willaston, Wistaston and Rope.

2. Speedwatch

We have had 4 applications to join our speedwatch team in response to our request for Volunteers. More would be welcome.

This will enable more of their checks on Parish roads.

Training and Hi-Viz clothing will be provided. If interested, contact our Clerk.

3. Wistaston in Bloom (WIB)

Our Flower Bed work is now organised to be underway in May/June. Perennial Beds are almost complete by our Conservation team. The June/July period is when the National Judges make their Parish visits. Residents play an important part in this when gardens and frontages are at their best. We would ask residents to please support our Parish work during these summer months. To help with light gardening tasks and preparation work for the judges' visits, we would like a small team of volunteers. If interested, contact our Clerk.

4. Future Meetings

18th June 2026, 16th July 2026, 17th September 2026, 15th October 2026, 19th November 2026 and 17th December 2026

Cllr J Moore
Chairman

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The Wistaston Swans meet at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month (excl. August) at the Brittles. In addition, we have subgroups which meet regularly (Book Club, Hooks and Needles, Darts, Potty about Plants, Walking Group) and arrange trips out. All WI members have access to a wide range of Cheshire, and National Federation online events and courses.

Recent speaker topics at our monthly meetings at the Brittles have included:

- “A taste of Africa” where two members entertained us with tales from their travels.
- CPR and Defibrillation. Members of Nantwich Ambulance First Responders advised and demonstrated resuscitation and use of community defibrillators.
- “Pills, potions and poisons: A Nantwich Apothecary’s Tale”

In April, several members attended a most interesting talk on ‘The Dressmakers of Auschwitz’ arranged by our local WI group.

Trips have included a tulip festival and walks in the local area and beyond.

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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 - Blue Sapphire Anniversary Year !

March Demonstration - As our members flooded into the Memorial Hall it was once again apparent how popular Donald Morgan's Demonstrations are to us all – and we were not disappointed.

'Let me Entertain You' was his theme and he certainly did that with six fabulous 'artistic' designs – two you can see below in the photographs. We look forward to inviting Donald back to Wistaston very soon.



We had the pleasure of a returning demonstrator – Kathleen Williams from Oldham Area who entertained us with her take on 'Poetry in Motion' – there were certainly some laughs along the way with Kathleen's amusing stories to go with her Poetry and floral arrangements. One of her arrangements is pictured far right above.

See next page

Summer Messy Church at St. Mary's

Join us for our summer Messy Church on Sunday 9 August. Messy Church is for all ages with fun, crafts, music, games and worship. It would be lovely to see you there.

It takes place in St Mary's Church Hall on Church Lane (CW2 8HA) and begins at 10:40am, feel free to arrive from 10:15am.

For more information about Messy Church go to messychurch.brf.org.uk. To keep up to date with what's happening at St Mary's go to stmaryswistaston.org.uk.

Have a great summer, Revd Mike.

Flower Club continued from page 10

To Celebrate this very special year we held a 'Blue Sapphire Workshop' for our members on the 22nd April when a very special arrangement was to be created. We hope to have photographs in the next edition of 'Roundabout' on what we achieved on the day!

WDFC are preparing to celebrate their Blue Sapphire Anniversary in May on their Club Day of 1st Wednesday of the month and plans are afoot to Make the Anniversary Celebration something very special.

The May Demonstration is to be given by - Lorena Dyer (National Demonstrator from Coventry) – 'Are You Sitting Comfortably' – We will all be sitting comfortably - so please come along and help us Celebrate !
June Demonstration will be Jane Tulley from Welshpool (Area demonstrator) 'Inspired by Ceramics'

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

Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

As mentioned in my last editorial, the winter produced extremely demanding weather conditions; however, under the guidance of our Head Groundsman, **Kevin Jobbins**, our cricket club is ready to embrace the new **2026** cricketing season, having ensured that our wickets and outfield will be in first-class condition. That will continue to ensure that the club's standard is maintained, and that cricket can be enjoyed by members and visiting cricket teams.

Forthcoming season:

The **2026** season commences on **18th April**, when our **First Eleven** host **Kingsley C.C.** 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** on **25th April**, with their first match hosting **Ashcombe Park C.C**

The **Third Eleven**, competing in the **Stone and District Cricket League - Section B North 2026**, will commence their campaign by hosting **Holmes Chapel CC 2nd XI. On 19th April.**

Within the **South Cheshire Junior Cricket League**, the **Under 9s** are visiting **Elworth 20th April**; the **Under 11s** are hosting **Aston CC on 22nd April**, and finally, the **Under 15s** are away to **Congleton CC. 22nd April.**

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. Deputy Chairperson - Charlotte Bowker. Secretary – Bev Wrighton. Treasurer -Amar Sabarwal. CCL League Rep – Billy Ridgway. - Safeguarding Officer – Charlotte Bowker. Social Secretary - Becky I'Anson. Membership Officer - Becky I'Anson. Head Groundsman – Kevin Jobbins. 1st Team Captain – Billy Ridgway. 2nd / 3rd Team Captain – Daniel Perks. Under 15's Managers, Keith Thornhill and David Greg. Under 11s – Charlotte Bowker. - Under 9's - Tanith Allwood. All Stars - Georgina. Ladies Hardball Manager Nic Jones. Softball Manager - Kat Edmonds & Helen Edwards.

Other committee members - John Avery, Marcus Pownall, Jo Davies, and Parent Representatives.

Important dates for your diaries.

President's Day:- **30th August**. Ladies Softball Festival:- **13th or 14th June**. Junior Awards **12th September** (Juniors from 3 p.m.). Senior Awards Saturday, **26th September** (Royal Oak).

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 on 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 juniors 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 juniors of all standards and we are proud of 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: - 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.

**John Avery. "Zusammen", 13 Lear Drive, Wistaston
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CRICKET TEASERS - SIX OF THE BEST

ANSWERS WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 23

1. The SWALEC Stadium at Sophia Gardens is in which city.
2. Which first-class county club did Phil Tuffnel play for from 1986 to 2002.
3. Which English county did Kevin Pietersen play for between 2005 and 2010.
4. Which country's national team is nicknamed "The Tigers."
5. In January 2006, Andrew Flintoff was presented with Freedom of which English City
6. Who captained Australia between 1975 and 1977.

Wistaston Conservation Group

Working to ensure that our woodlands are managed in a safe, sustainable and sympathetic manner for the benefit of all users.

Are we being kind to be cruel?

Most of us enjoy seeing birds in our gardens and we put food out for them on a regular basis especially in the cold months when natural food is scarce. Bird feeders in your garden may seem kind but it could be putting some species at serious risk, according to the UK's largest bird charity, The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).

Trichomonosis, known as "canker" in pigeons or "flounce" in birds of prey, is a deadly disease caused by a microscopic parasite, *Trichomonas gallinae*. Historically common in pigeons and doves, it emerged in British finch populations around 2005, and is causing a catastrophic decline.

The UK greenfinch population has fallen by roughly **66%** since the outbreak began.

The parasite infects the tissues of a bird's mouth, throat, and gullet causing "plaques" or lesions that can grow large enough to completely block the throat.

Infected birds often appear lethargic with "fluffed-up" plumage. Because they cannot swallow, they may drool, exhibit wet feathers around the beak, and repeatedly attempt to eat but regurgitate the food. Affected birds typically die from starvation or dehydration.

How to help.

Let's face it, we all tend to put out too much bird food in trying to be kind. Gardens are high-risk zones because the left over food left to rot in feeders acts as a parasite reservoir. The birds contract the disease in these transmission hotspots and the sick birds leave contaminated saliva and regurgitated food for others to consume.

The advice is that if a sick or dead bird is seen in your garden, you should immediately stop feeding and providing water. Keep all feeders and baths away for at least 2 to 4 weeks.

The reason for this is that it will encourage birds to disperse, reducing the high-density contact that allows the parasite to spread. Feeding can resume later, but remember to only put out enough food for a few days at a time, this will help to ensure the excess food will not be left to rot.

Routine Prevention and Hygiene. Even when all seems fine with birds appearing healthy, strict hygiene is essential to prevent outbreaks. Clean all feeders and bird baths at least once a week using a weak (5%) bleach solution or a specialist animal-safe disinfectant. Always wear rubber gloves and clean equipment outdoors to avoid contaminating your home with pathogens like Salmonella. Feeders must be air-dried completely before refilling. This helps to keep the parasite at bay.

Also put out only enough food to last 1–2 days to prevent it from becoming damp and harbouring the parasite.

Regularly move the position of your feeders to prevent the build-up of droppings and waste on the ground below. After this page go to p.18.

Water should only be provided if it can be changed daily, the RSPB says, and only fresh tap water should be used. Bird baths should also be cleaned every week. In addition the charity recommends that the use of flat feeders (bird tables) be discontinued; using instead perch feeders, as flat surfaces allow birds to stand in and contaminate their own food.

If this advice is followed our smaller finches and other birds will enjoy a safer environment and should increase in numbers for our future enjoyment.

WCG – Diary Update April 2026

Over the past few months, the work of the Wistaston Conservation Group has continued during rain, shine and even snow.

Alongside the usual maintenance and seasonal work undertaken (pathway accessibility and litter picking, pruning and planting, clearing fallen branches and trees, the upkeep of the village's raised beds, planted areas, memorial trees and nursery beds), there have been a number of more focussed projects fulfilled across the Joey the Swanpark land.



Areas alongside the woodlands have been cleared of deadwood and stifling brambles, creating clearings that have allowed space for saplings to be planted, gradually enlarging the woodland habitats. In one such clearing, close to the play area, dormant daffodil bulbs have been given the light and space needed to bloom for the first time in years.



Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre

General Update

The spring heralds work being undertaken on improving our online visibility, more on this will follow in the next issue of Roundabout. We are also preparing for our World Cup themed stand at the Wistaston Village Fete on the 20th of June, 1pm to 4pm. Please do come along and say hello and find out what goes on at the Memorial Hall.

Rebuild Update

The planning application for the new Hall was submitted to Cheshire East in March 2026 and the decision date advised as 11th May 2026. By the time you are reading this we would hope that the plans for the new Hall have been approved.

Obtaining planning permission enables us to move onto the major task of raising the funds required to build the Hall. First, we need to know how much the Hall will cost to build and we are engaging with a Quantity Surveyor to help on this. To view the plans and for all the latest news on the project visit the Rebuild Project page on our website.

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 JUBILEE TENNIS CLUB

Game, set and match for community spirit as tennis club smashes £42,000 target. Thank you Jonathan for report and photos.

A surge of community support has helped Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club raise an outstanding £42,000—securing its future and transforming its facilities.

The club, founded in 1977 to mark Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee, had initially aimed to raise £15,000 through a Crowdfunder. Surpassing that target unlocked match funding from Sport England, and continued backing from supporters pushed the total to an impressive £42,000.

Based behind Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre, the club serves around 100 regular players on its two floodlit courts. The funds will allow for a full resurfacing, alongside wider improvements including replacing damaged fencing and enhancing the site—ensuring long-term sustainability without dipping into limited reserves.

The campaign was boosted by strong public donations and support from local businesses such as Poole Alcock Solicitors, Tailored Kitchens, Prof Heat Services, Portcullis Electrical, Ensure Safety and Training, Crave Coffee and Grand Construction.

A Community Tennis Day also helped drive fundraising, with families enjoying games, a One Point Slam, raffles and refreshments.

Looking ahead, the club plans to introduce a pay-and-play scheme to encourage wider community use.

A spokesperson said the achievement reflected “incredible” local generosity, adding the project will protect a valued community space and create new opportunities for players of all ages.



Conservation Group Article Continued from page 15



Something new for the group has been the creating of 'dead hedges' using cut back, pruned and dead waste. These sustainable, environmentally beneficial hedges have allowed for the disposal of natural waste in a purposeful manner, providing an alternative habitat for small mammals, birds, insects and microorganisms and marking out walkways.

The woodland area behind Willow Crescent has benefitted greatly from being cut back and cleared of dumped household waste, including a mattress! One passerby thought the rubbish accumulated and being stacked by the bin in Beech Drive car park for the council to collect, was actually rubbish that had been fly-tipped in the car park because of the excessive amount removed!

Further to this has been the work to reduce flooding in a number of areas around the site, including The Spinney, where the path had at times become impassable. New channels have been dug, and pipe work has also been installed to drain run-off water away from the path to ensure accessibility in and around The Spinney for all to enjoy.

The WCG continues to attract new volunteers but readily welcomes more. Do come along, find camaraderie and enjoy conversation, whilst helping to maintain, develop and conserve Wistaston's wonderful nature and natural spaces. Together, we can all make a difference.



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. Reminder: Our group will have a plant sale at the Fete held at Church Lane School on 20 June. Plants can also be bought at 15 Broughton Lane with all proceeds going towards helping us to buy things we can use in our conservation work.



WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL BOWLING CLUB

The 2026 season is now in full swing with social bowling sessions and league matches taking place most days.

We have entered 9 teams into local leagues and our captains this season are as follows;

Sandbach League: A Team: Dave Allcock B Team: Sue Ramm

C Team: Mandy Wallace & Michael Simpson

Holmes Chapel League: Team: Dave Allcock B Team: Kevan Goddard

Crewe and Nantwich Vets: A Team: Ron Southall B Team: Alan Berry

C Team: Michael Simpson D Team: Andy Cartlidge & David Wallace

The Club also holds friendly matches and competitions throughout the season including; Mat Style Triples and Olympic Pairs. These are open to all members and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Coaching sessions for those new to the game take place every Saturday morning led by our qualified coaches, Michael Simpson and Anne Vetter.



The Green Keeper, Paul Latham, and the Ground Maintenance Team, led by Maurice Simon, meet every Monday morning and work tirelessly to ensure that the green is kept in a good playing condition and that the grounds are maintained to a high standard.



New members are always welcome at the club and for further information

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Members are still required to pay the course green fee or membership.

Before members can qualify for prizes/trophies they are required to submit three score cards to obtain a society handicap.

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NATURE ARTICLE

Rare winter flocks of starlings took possession of the oak across the road from us in Sandylands Park on odd occasions in January. Commonly the tree is black with jackdaws: a Hitchcock thriller in the making. Late January and twosomes of robins, great and blue tits, although no signs of pairing: caresses the sole province of the wood pigeons which never seem to pause the courtship ritual. Pigeons have been fascinated by the plump black berries of ivy, twisting themselves up and down and inside out to steal them. For other birds it's not such a clownish act.

A handful of redwings still gathered in the oak in February, slimline and stately compared with birds of a similar size. Also in February came our smallest bird, the goldcrest. A song thrush continues to be heard, but seldom.

17 February brought our only dollop of frogspawn on an icy pond surface, totally unexpected as no prior amphibian activity.

10 March and first a female siskin, then later a male, to our feeders. More delicate in build than the regular finches they are streaky, with yellow wing-bars and pale eyestripe, the male exhibiting a black head. Beating us are the Booths of Freshfields, with up to three pairs of redpolls and siskins over the first three weeks of March, and at month's end individuals were still turning up. The Booths must have appreciated the red forehead and black chin of the redpoll.

Disappointment at only a blue and small tortoiseshell butterfly as late as mid March; an orange tip appropriately passing through in April. Other April gifts are swallows early on, along with chiffchaff notes.

A pigeon escaped the jaws of a sparrowhawk on our lawn on 5 April, hawk plucking its battling prey ahead of the anticipated slaughter. Pigeon broke free only to be recaptured on the driveway. Hilary's appearance caused both birds to fly off in different directions; pigeon, minus some feathers, remarkably unharmed, aided, no doubt, by its weight and power. A confounded raptor returned to the crimescene in forlorn hope of retrieving its would-be meal, and grudgingly eying Hilary through the kitchen window, believing (can't think why) she had something to do with the great escape. On a final note, we are pleased to hear that house sparrows are still alive and well in parts of Wistaston!

Our thanks to all contributors.

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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 Helen Pierce on 07866 649804

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/

Barbara's Baby Knits

Barbara is now putting together Pretty Party Boxes decorated with ribbon which are ideal presents for a new baby. They contain Matinee Coats, Hats etc.

**For more information call
Call Barbara on**

07746 800061

Answers to Quiz on page 13:

1. Cardiff; 2. Middlesex; 3. Hampshire; 4. Bangladesh; 5. Preston; 6. Greg Chappell.



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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

SECTION F: FLOWER CLASSES

- F1. Bowl of Sweet Peas, mixed colours, 10 stems minimum
- F2. A specimen Rose in a vase
- F3. A single 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 Cucumber – with stalk
- V10. Five Ripe Tomatoes (not cherry variety) on a plate
- V11. A Truss of Tomatoes (not cherry variety) – some ripe
- V12. A Truss of a Named Variety of Cherry Tomatoes on a plate – some ripe
- V13. Five Ripe Cherry Tomatoes on a plate – variety to be named
- V14. Six Runner Beans – all with some stalk
- V15. Six French Beans – all with some stalk
- V16. Three Courgettes – each with some stalk
- V17. A Single Pot of Three Different Herbs
- V18. A Wonky Vegetable

SECTION D: WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL VEGETABLE DISPLAY

- D1. A Collection of Five Different Classes of Vegetables (each class as described above)

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. “2026 Commonwealth Games”
- A2. Arrangement in a Recycled/Reused 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. A Fruit 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 (YARN), on a hanger if applicable (Please specify type on entry)
- Y9. A Homemade Garment (FABRIC), on a hanger if applicable (Please specify type on entry)

SECTION C: CHILDREN'S CLASSES

- C1. Pre-school – “My Favourite Flower”
- C2. Under 12's – “Insect” made using natural material from the garden
- C3. Under 12's – A Greeting Card
- C4. Under 12's – A Decorated Plant Pot
- C5. Under 12's – One Decorated Biscuit

PARISH COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Class A: A Typical Snapshot (printed)

Class B: A Cardboard Framed Enlargement

Prize money will be £10, £5 and £5 in both classes. Max of 2 entries per person in each class.

Entries to be with the Show Secretary by 8th August 2026.

Please read the schedule and the rules 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

In March Willaston members enjoyed a day visiting the Dorothy Clive Gardens. We were very fortunate to have one of the best Spring days of the year to date. Whilst the rhododendrons and azalea were in bud ready to burst into life, the daffodils were still in full bloom providing a backdrop to the fabulous scenery to be viewed from the hilltop garden. After lengthy strolls we enjoyed lunch at the popular restaurant.

The garden was originally a quarry and was reclaimed by Dorothy Clive and her husband Harry over 100 years ago. After her death in 1942 Harry maintained the garden as her memorial.

The visit to the Dorothy Clive Gardens was one of many extra events planned for this year. These will include outings to Combermere Abbey, Rode Hall, Anglesey and The House of Commons. Lunches continue to be held at various local venues at the end of each month. The book club meets at the home of a member on a regular basis.



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 07484 100456.

A Positive Start to 2026 for the Crewe & Nantwich Property Market

As we move through 2026, there's a renewed sense of optimism in the local property market—and here at Whitegates Crewe & Nantwich, we're seeing that positivity reflected in conversations with buyers and sellers every day. Despite wider economic uncertainties and ongoing global challenges, the housing market has shown impressive resilience. The main house price indices suggest that values have held steady, and earlier predictions from lenders and estate agents pointed towards a more upbeat year ahead—and so far, that outlook feels well placed.

One of the biggest talking points right now is mortgage rates. As always, they remain a key factor for anyone considering a move. While it's difficult to predict exactly what will happen in the months ahead, there's cautious hope that if economic tensions begin to ease, we could see rates start to fall later in 2026. That would certainly provide a welcome boost for both first-time buyers and those looking to move up the ladder.

The Crewe housing market has started the year on solid ground. Stability has been the defining feature, with modest, steady growth giving confidence to both buyers and sellers. It's not about dramatic spikes—it's about a sustainable, reliable market that people can plan around.

Here at Whitegates Crewe & Nantwich, it's been an exciting time for us too. Our teams continue to grow across both offices, and we're proud to have recently moved into a larger office in Nantwich. The response from the local community has been fantastic—we've had so many people popping in, whether it's for advice on selling, help with finding their next home, or simply a chat about what's happening in the market.

Being local is at the heart of everything we do. Our team lives and works in the area, and we're actively involved in community events across Wistaston. It's important to us to stay connected—not just as estate agents, but as part of the community.

If you're thinking about making a move—or even just curious about what your property might be worth in today's market—we're always happy to help. We offer free, no-obligation market valuations, giving you a clear picture of where you stand and what your next steps could look like.

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