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Wistaston St Mary's will be holding a Bell Tower and Church Open Day on Saturday 18 March – more details on page 30

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EDITORIAL FOR SPRING 2023

Thank you so much to everyone for the continued splendid support you give to Roundabout in whatever capacity, for without your contributions and advertisements it would not exist!

Please send in your articles, photographs etc. for our Summer edition, due out in early June by the 15 April

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All change at Wistaston Community Council

At our AGM in January, we were very pleased to announce Jonathan White as Wistonian of the Year, a very well-deserved recipient of the award. You will have seen details of this in separate announcements.

The AGM is when the officers to the WCC are elected; these are the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. On this occasion both Chairman and Vice Chairman have stepped down and a new Chair has been elected.

Dane Chaplow has been Chairman for 12 years and has done an excellent job keeping the Community Council moving in the right direction, not least during the pandemic. As is customary, Dane received the gift of a crystal swan for his long service as Chairman. The enclosed picture shows Vice Chairman Ian Gould making the award to Dane.

Our Vice Chairman has also stepped down; Ian served 11 years previously as Chairman and then after a break served as Vice Chair over the last 8 years. Both Dane and Ian will continue as active members of WCC.

Our huge congratulations go to Nadiyah McKeown who was elected as our new Chair. Nadiyah is well known in Wistaston for all the help and support she gave during the Covid lockdown in organising deliveries to the elderly and housebound.

Currently the position of Vice Chairman is vacant, but we hope to fill this shortly and there will still be a wealth of support for Nadiyah from the members of WCC.



Wistonian of the Year

Jonathan White, aged 51 from Wistaston, has been awarded Wistonian of the Year for 2022 for which he receives a commemorative shield and badge.

Jonathan began his voluntary community journalism hobby in 2006 and has submitted several hundred stories and photographs relating to Wistaston to the local media, including Wistaston's quarterly 'Roundabout' magazine.



Wistaston events that Jonathan covers include the Village Fete, Model Boat and Duck Race, Fireworks, Wistaston in Bloom, St Mary's Church, Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club, and events at Wistaston Memorial Hall such as concerts, Remembrance Service and Christmas Fair.

He also writes and takes photographs at events in Crewe, Nantwich, Willaston, Wybunbury and Acton. He estimates he has produced over 2,000 stories in the past seventeen years with more to come in the future. He is also the official club photographer at Nantwich Town Football Club.

Jonathan works as a learning support assistant at Cheshire College South and West in Crewe.

Wistaston Community Council was formed from the village group which in 1977 organised the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebration. Three years later in 1980 they awarded the first Wistonian of the Year to Gladys Byrne who had been instrumental in organising the village Silver Jubilee events.

Wistonian of the Year is chosen by nominations from members of the public through 'Roundabout' magazine and nowadays also via the Wistaston Community Council's Facebook page. The nominations are then considered by Wistaston Community Council's selection committee and the winner has usually contributed to village life over several years or has recently done something worthy and deserving of recognition.

Dane Chaplow retiring chair of the Wistaston Community Council said that he was very pleased to announce Jonathan White as Wistonian of the Year for 2022, a very well-deserved recipient of this prestigious and much sought after award.

A full list of Wistonian of the Year winners is available via this link:
<https://www.wistastoncommunity.co.uk/woty.html>

Jonathan said that he was proud to be Wistonian of the Year for 2022. and hopes his reporting showcases the many positive activities that take place over the year in our village.

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Wistaston Parish Council Chairman's Report

1. Budgets

We again developed our plan with the aim to maintain the same level of Parish council tax based on a band D property. With savings, increased support from CEC because of increases in housing and CIL payments we have also been able to increase support to our community groups from £4573 (2022/23) to £8600 for 2023/24.

I am pleased to confirm this plan was approved at the Council's January meeting.

2. Wistaston in Bloom (WIB)

Following the group's success in last year's North West in Bloom competition reported in the Winter edition of Roundabout the group have been selected to represent our region in the forthcoming prestigious RHS Britain in Bloom finals in the Town category.

Congratulations to everyone involved in their latest success.

3. Speed Indicator Device (SID) Broughton Lane.

With the set up and training completed we have been accessing our first period data.

Period 1st Jan to the 27th Jan 2023

Number of vehicles 35635

Number exceeding 30mph 2505 (7.03%)

Maximum speed 66mph.

Further period checks are ongoing to establish a pattern of driving behaviour and provide this data to our PCSO and Police for review.

4. Litter and Dog Waste

Some welcome improvements compared to last year.

Council's thanks expressed to residents, Ranger and litter picking groups.

Figures for 2022 (in brackets 2021)

Green bags (small sacks) 376 (433)

Dog Bags 191 (619)

Face masks 261 (840)

Nitrous oxide cannisters 20 (46)

Snap bags 38 (89)

5. New Councillor

We welcome our latest co-option of Laura Connell (St Mary's ward)

6. Local Elections 2023

These are scheduled for the 4th May 2023.

7. Future meetings.

16th March 2023, 20th April 2023, 18th May 2023, 15th June 2023, 20th July 2023,

21st September 2023, 19th October 2023, 16th November 2023, 21st December 2023

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(CONTINUED)

On the front cover of our Winter Roundabout we displayed a photograph of a Wistaston painting which adorns the wall of a living room in Victoria, Australia. In 1970, Valerie with her husband Peter and their young family had left Wistaston where she was born and grew up to begin a new life.



A small world – here we show Valerie, this month, with her son in front of the painting which later followed them to Victoria to remind them of home.

Dates for your Diary - 2022/2023



Saturday 17 June : Village Fete

Saturday 19 August : Flower & Produce Show

Saturday 9 September : Model Boat & Duck Race

Saturday 4 November : Fireworks

Friday 8 December : Christmas Concert

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

The Laurie Twiss Award



Write a story or article for the Laurie Twiss Award. It's 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 as will the second and third. With your entry, please include your name and address, telephone number, age, school attended and title of your story.

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Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

May I wish all the readers of Roundabout a belated happy and healthy New Year. Snow is falling as I compile my latest cricketing editorial (in mid January), and the **2023** cricket season is barely three months away. The **2023** campaign will commence in April and continue until September. When the weather becomes less intrusive, essential preparation to our wickets and outfield would have been put into place under the guidance of Head Groundsman **Kevin Jobbins** and groundsmen **Dean Titus, Mark Bourne and Ade Birchall**. The work carried out by our cricket club continues to ensure that our playing facilities are in tip top condition. As mentioned previously, it is a known fact that visiting teams over past seasons look forward to playing at **'The Brittles'** because of our facilities, which is extremely encouraging to know.

The **2022** cricket season was as previously reported in the **Winter** edition of **'Roundabout'** a demanding campaign on several fronts and it is fair to summarize that in the main, all of our participating teams generally enjoyed their cricket and are positive in achieving a productive forthcoming playing season competing as follows:.

The First Eleven will be competing in **The Cheshire Cricket League Division 4**

The Second Eleven in **The Cheshire Cricket League Division C**

The Swans Eleven in **Division 4 (West) of The Cheshire Women's Cricket League**.

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

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

www.creweguardian.co.uk/sport

Due to the cricket club's **A.G.M.** not being held until the first week of **February**, details of our election of officers for **2023**, will now appear in the **Summer** edition of Roundabout.

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. We offer cricket for adults and junior of **ALL STANDARDS** and if you are interested in joining our cricket club please contact **Andy Whitehurst: 07785931517** in the first instance. **Take that all important first step.**

PRACTICE EVENINGS FOR 2023

For future 2023 practice evenings please contact Andy Whitehurst 07785931517.

We offer cricket to adults and junior of all standards, 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.

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.

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JUST FOR FUN - CRICKET TEASERS - SIX OF THE BEST

1. Peter May, Colin Cowdrey, Ted Dexter and David Gower all captained England in Test matches. Which of them won the most Tests as captain?
2. Robin Smith made how many first class centuries in his career, including tests? 55, 61, 67 or 70?
3. This fast bowler was the first to take 300 wickets in test cricket and has an extremely impressive bowling average of 21.57. Can you guess his name?
4. Towards the end of the eighteenth century, a village in Hampshire had a famous cricket club, which was prepared to take on all-comers and could boast of beating "all England" more than once. What was the name of this village?
- 5 This off-spinner will remain in the record books forever, for taking all the ten wickets to fall in a test innings.
6. Jack Russell played for Gloucestershire and England from 1981-2004 as what?

Answers on page 21.

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 Richard Farrall for further information on 01270 - 624649 or visit www.creweandnantwichramblingclub.org.uk

Wistaston Conservation Group

Hello everyone, Just to let you know what is happening in our ‘parkland area’.

The 25th Anniversary of The Wistaston Conservation Group.

It's been said on more than one occasion that the work we do is a little like painting the Forth Bridge, in that we must repeat what we do on a regular basis. Well, to prove that point our Project Manager, David O'Hara, who is the last active member of the original group, a few weeks ago whilst sorting through some papers came across a copy of the minutes of the first ever meeting of our group, that was held on the 9th September 1997.

It consisted of an informal walk around the Joey the Swan area, making a list of things that needed to be improved, such as the wet area near to the former filter beds being made into a pond (now the Spinney area), keeping a ten metre strip of unmown grass around the wooded areas for wildlife preservation (now kept and maintained), mowing under the isolated trees to be prevented to assist them to naturally regenerate (now regular practice), the development of ‘mini-woodlands’ and ‘conservation areas’ to be established (now done and maintained), and the creation of a picnic area (now established close to the children's play area, courtesy of the parish council). These items and their surrounds need regular inspection, and tidying up, in liaison with our Park Ranger, this is not a criticism or complaint, we realise that it is necessary work that needs to be done to preserve the unique quality of this recreational area.

Something to sing about.

We have recently installed quite a few new bird boxes, many kindly donated by local people* and we have cleaned out existing ones. As can be seen from the monthly bird list, a healthy local bird population at Joey. The feeding station at the Spinney is a good spot to observe and enjoy various birds.

Over the years many scientists have studied the restorative benefits of birdsong, testing whether it does improve our mood. Birdsong and calls are often cited as helping people recover from stress and allowing them to refocus their attention. It's generally agreed that spending time in nature is the perfect antidote to a busy modern life.

Spring in the woodland and coppice at Joey is full of song, ranging from the song of a blackbird or a blackcap to that of the visiting willow warbler. Just under 60 species have been recorded in spring.

*Six bird boxes have been donated by Anthony and Kari Gilbert of Strathaven Avenue for use in the Spinney.



The 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Award,2022. (Level 5, Outstanding)

On the 27 October 2022, David O'Hara, collected the award certificate from the RHS and North-West in Bloom, for another 'Outstanding' achievement.



The photo shows David, with his wife Joan who represented the Litter-Picking group and Peter Baskerville the Wistaston Park Ranger after the award ceremony. Another excellent year gaining the top award again for the Joey the Swan area and general cleanliness of the whole parish.

How do we improve next year? We'll think of something.

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.



Wistaston Guiding Report

On Sunday the 26th of February Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Wistaston District got together to celebrate 'thinking day' this is to think about other Guiding members from around the world. We did various types of crafts, decorated biscuits, sung songs and played games.

It was our founder Lady Baden Powell and Scouting founder Lord Baden Powell's joint birthday on the 22nd February so we get together as close to this date to celebrate.

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As the facilities are provided for public benefit the trustees feel it is important that people understand what is planned for the future, including a rebuild of the existing building. Taking no action is not an option as the life span of the existing building is not indefinite. We have had a local structural surveyor complete a survey of the building and the conclusion is that refurbishing is not likely to be financially viable given the age, design layout and the costs which will be incurred.

To kick off the rebuild project we are consulting local residents and Hall users via an online questionnaire to understand your views of this valuable community asset and how you think it could be better utilised within the community in the future and also what improvements, if any, should be considered in its development. We will be approaching the National Lottery for financial support. Your questionnaire responses will be an important input to our bid to provide evidence of need and to improve our chances of success.

You can access the online version of the questionnaire via the link provided on our website available early March 2023 at www.wistastonmemorialhall.uk. Paper versions of the questionnaire will be available at the Hall. Where possible please complete the online version as we have to type in paper version responses. Completed paper versions of the questionnaire should be posted to New Build Committee c/o Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre, Church Lane, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 8ER or put through the Hall letter box.

The project team will be available on April 1st, 15th and 22nd from 10am – 12pm in the Dudley Room at the Hall to help complete online/paper questionnaires and to answer any queries. Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided.

Deadline date for completion of the questionnaire is 30th April 2023.

The trustees are being assisted by the charity Cheshire Community Action, which provides an advisory service for village and community halls in Cheshire and is part of Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE).

Further information can be found on our website and regular updates on the progression of the project will be published in local communications.



Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre

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Motherwell Community Share Hub and Baby Bank, based on Beech Drive, Wistaston, is there to support and promote a sustainable living for the local community. Our ethos at the Community Hub is to drive for a more sustainable way of living, whilst showing support and guidance in our community's well-being and mental health.

The Community Share Hub has continued to expand its support over the last year, expanding from our school uniforms for both primary and secondary schools in the Crewe and Nantwich area, to our warm winter coats, Footlocker scheme, providing like new football boots and astroturf trainers, and shin pads. Our Baby Bank is here to support families with babies up to the age of 2 years. We hold monthly pop up events and our next is Tuesday 21st February, 11am - 1pm.

Motherwell Cheshire are a registered charity based on Beech Drive, supporting young girls and women with their wellbeing and mental health. Please visit our website, www.motherwellcheshirecio.com to see how we further support the community.

We are open every Tuesday and Thursday, 12 - 2, 54 Beech Drive, Crewe. If you have any enquiries, please email us on motherwellhub@motherwellcheshirecio.com or call a member of the Motherwell Team on 01606 557666.

ANSWERS TO CRICKET QUIZ ON PAGE 13

1. Peter May. 2. 61 3. Fred Trueman.
4. Hambledon. 5. Jim Laker. 6. Wicket Keeper.



NATURE ARTICLE

End of October and still a red admiral in garden. A magpie tweaked a squirrel's tail, but a spin round by squirrel made magpie loose its grip and turn away. It's a reminder of when Hilary, as a child, picked up a mouse and span it round by its tail, surprised when mouse nipped her: she never repeated the action. Birds respect squirrels, probably aware of their sharp teeth: we have seen a dozen or so jackdaws fly away from the lawn on approach of a squirrel.

Around 7.30 on a mild morning in early November, as we were loitering on drive, several skeins of geese flew over in close succession, high and in the leisurely 'V' formation of shallow wingbeats, honking contact calls heard only from the last flock. With one exception they were heading in the same westerly direction, presumably on migration. A more solid mass of starlings, with their rapid wingbeats, passed over the house some minutes later, low down as they, unlike the geese, would merely be flying from roost to feeding ground. This spectacle no doubt occurs daily at this time of year, but we are privileged to be in the right place at right time in order to enjoy it.

We recently learned that 'daw' is given in the dictionary as the original word for 'jackdaw'; our oldest tome, 'The New Universal Dictionary', intimating the name is on account of the bird's cry. No explanation is given for the meaning of 'jack' in this instance. Possibly it's a diminutive as the 'daw' is the smallest of the British crows. Our own abbreviation, when listing 'daws' in our winter-feeding survey, however, is 'jaws', but they would hardly have our leg off!

The big freeze of December eventually attracted more birds to our feeding stations: nuthatch and pied wagtail the more infrequent; and a snipe landed in a Lear Drive garden on 15th much to the surprise and delight of resident who confirmed it through his book.

Of autumn's fungi, '*Mycena*' is a common fungus to be found at base of trees: clumps of brown bonnets on long stems, but not for cooking.

With springtime bulbs pushing through, now that we are in mid January, we begin to look forward to longer days and winter's ending.

Our thanks to all contributors.

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In 2022 we had four fantastic Workshops led by our very own knowledgeable and enthusiastic Committee - all well supported, and enjoyed! We have a fabulous programme for 2023 – and look forward to sharing this with Members old and new.



Come and join us as a visitor and see if this is for you, you will always be welcome! Visitors £6.00 For more information about our activities please contact Caryn Murray (07530682196 or carynmurray24@gmail.com) or Judy Gratton (07506022709 or judy.gratton@live.co.uk)

St Mary's Church, Wistaston.

In church we are now in the season of Lent, a time when Christians around the world give things up, or perhaps take things up to help other people, as we remember Jesus' time in the wilderness. You can read about this in Matthew chapter 4. For Christians, Lent is a time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter, a time to draw closer to God. Also, something else happens during Lent which I really enjoy and that is the nights get lighter and we begin to see the signs of Spring as the natural world springs back to life. Lent began in the darkness of February and takes us through to the light of April. At St Mary's we will have services on Good Friday at 2pm and Easter Sunday at 10:40am, you would be most welcome to join us.

Best wishes, Revd Mike. (stmaryswistaston.org.uk)

WISTASTON IN BLOOM



On the 14 February the Royal Horticultural Society, (RHS), announced the names of the 44 finalists for the 2023 RHS Britain-in-Bloom UK finals competition.

The finalists, selected from across the UK, will compete to be crowned the winner in one of ten categories and will be looking to secure an RHS Gold, Silver Gilt, Silver or Bronze Award and finally each category winner will then be put forward and one will be named RHS Britain in Bloom Overall Winner for 2023.

Based on our result last year Wistaston was nominated by North West in Bloom in the Town Category and we have now been selected to represent our region. Other finalists in our category are:

Abergavenny Town Council
Alnwick, Northumberland
Brandon-in-Bloom, Suffolk
Donaghadee, Ards & North Down Borough Council
Elloughton-cum-Brough in Bloom, East Riding

Judging will be between 24 July and 11 August.

So, together, with support from the Parish Council, the Conservation Group, the Litter pickers, the Wistaston Allotments, the Bloom Group and all the residents of Wistaston, I am sure we will put on another good show.
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Willaston WI have had an interesting beginning to 2023. In January Dave Poynter gave a talk entitled 'Ten Pound Poms'. He told us how his family took advantage of the government scheme which allowed adults to emigrate to Australia in the 1950's and 60's paying a minimal charge for their passage and taking their children free. Illustrating his talk with photos of the voyage, he described the fairly luxurious conditions on board with food much better than many had been used to after wartime Britain. Whilst his father had organized for them to be met by a family, who helped him find work, many passengers were shocked on arrival to find very basic accommodation. The Poynters enjoyed some successful years down under, but eventually returned to Willaston whilst Dave was still quite young.

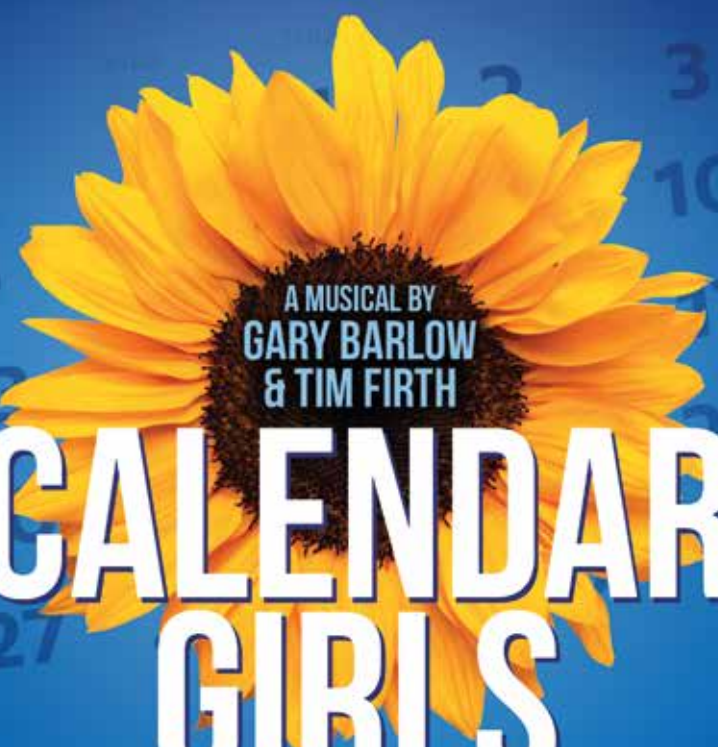
In February we enjoyed another local speaker, Peter Denney, a member of Willaston Local History Group. His talk told us about many of the properties in the village and how it had changed and developed over time. It had been a very small community and divided into different areas, until the railway arrived, leading to rapid expansion. He provided many photographs to illustrate the different properties. It was a very interesting evening and particularly for many of our members who live in Willaston, some even spotting their own homes.

On 9th February members enjoyed an outing to Nantwich Theatre to see "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and on the 23rd Afternoon Tea will be served at St Luke's Church Hall. Monthly pub lunches are still very popular, the next venue being The Red Lion in Wybunbury.

March is traditionally our Members' Evening, when those not on Committee take over and organize everything, this results in a fun evening with a bit of a difference.

Meetings are held at The Acacia Suite (The Masonic Hall) Willaston CW5 7ER on the second Wednesday of each month, excluding December, at 7pm for 7.30. Visitors/new members are very welcome to attend any meeting on a 'try before you buy' basis and can be sure of a warm welcome. Please telephone Jan Warnes on 01270 663881 or Brenda Taylor on 01270 623191 for further information or simply turn up.

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This is an opportunity to view the interior of the Church and ascend into the ringing room. Competent bell ringers will explain the art of campanology and give demonstrations. Potential or lapsed bell ringers are very welcome. Tea and biscuits will be provided.

Rev. Mike Turnbull, Rector.

Frank Morton, Tower Captain.

The following photographs were taken by Frank Morton in 1970 from the Bell Tower. It is extremely interesting to note the difference now!



From the Tower 1970 North west.



**Above : From the Tower 1970, South East, James's Nurseries.
Below : From the Tower 1970, West**



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Early memories from Chris Leggatt:

Bluebell Woods

Once again, I hear the songbirds sing
As I take a walk in Bluebell woods in the Spring.
Bluebells are here in abundance
And daffodil heads in the spring breeze seem to dance
Like busy bees in a hive.
Nature in the woods comes alive.
It was as a young boy
Here in Bluebell woods I spent hours of joy
A gentle breeze
Often flows through the trees;
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The woods are a wonder of nature
And folk need to take time here and venture,
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Wistaston's 40th Annual Flower and Produce Show Saturday 19 August 2023 : Schedule of Classes

Section F - Flower Classes

- F1. Bowl of Sweet Peas, mixed colours, 15 stems minimum.
- F2. A specimen Rose in a vase.
- F3. Three Large Gladioli, any variety or varieties.
- F4. Three Pom Pom Dahlias, any variety or varieties.
- F5. Three Cactus or Semi-Cactus Dahlias any variety or varieties.
- F6. Three Decorative Dahlias, any variety or varieties.
- F7. A Single Stem of any Flowering Plant (not in schedule) in a vase.
- F8. Single Geranium Head in a Vase
- F9. Six French Marigolds, any variety or varieties.
- F10. A Shallow Bowl of Floating Flower Heads - arranged for effect.
- F11. A Vase of Mixed Flowers - home grown.
- F12. A Cactus.
- F13. A Geranium in a Pot - with saucer.
- F14. A Begonia in a Pot - with saucer.
- F15. Flowering Plant in a Pot, with saucer, excluding plants from Class 19.
- F16. A Foliage Plant in a Pot, with saucer.
- F17. Six Fuchsia Heads on a Board.
- F18. A Fuchsia in a 9cm Pot, with saucer, any variety.
- F19. Alpine Garden - 25cm x 25 cm max.

Section V - Vegetable Classes.

- V1. A Vegetable not on Schedule - please specify on entry form.
- V2. Five White Potatoes on a Plate - any variety.
- V3. Five Coloured Potatoes on a Plate, any variety
- V4. Three Onions - roots shown, not to exceed 225 grams each. See Rule 21.
- V5. Six Carrots - tops trimmed to 8cm
- V6. Five Ripe Tomatoes - not cherry variety - on a Plate.
- V7. Nine Shallots - Large - over 30mm in diameter.
- V8. Three Round Beetroot - tops trimmed to 8cm.
- V9. One Vegetable Marrow - with stalk.
- V10. One Lettuce - roots shown
- V11. One Cucumber - with stalk.
- 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 Dwarf 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.) *Themes to be*
- A2.) *Agreed but A2 must be Petite, 25cms overall..*

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

- H1. A jar of Home Made Strawberry Jam;
- H2. A jar of Home **Made Jam - not Strawberry**
- H3. A jar of Home Made Chutney.
- The above three items to have cellophane covers only.*
- H4. Three pieces of Shortbread
- H5. Five Square Flapjacks
- H6. Five Jam Tarts
- H7. A Plate of Five Chocolate Butterfly Cakes
- H8. A Lemon Drizzle Cake baked in a loaf tin.
- H9. A Cheesecake, approx.20cm in diameter presented on a plate.
- H10. A Victoria Sponge Cake - read Rule 19 carefully.
- H11. Five Cheese Scones
- H12. A Quiche, approx. 20cm in diameter, presented on a plate.
- H13. An Apple Pie approx.20cm in diameter, short crust pastry top and bottom, presented on a plate.
- H14. Five Decorated Cup Cakes.

Section W. Beverages.

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

Section Y - Hobby Crafts - Please read Rule 18

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

Section C - Children's Classes

- C1. Pre-school)
- C2. Under 12's) *Themes to be*
- C3. Under 12's) *agreed.*
- C4. Under 12's)
- C5. Under 12's)

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