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VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE

1.30pm Rose Queen Parade

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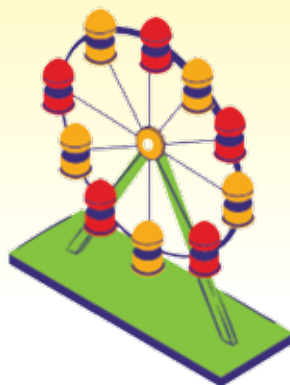
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EDITORIAL FOR SUMMER 2023

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 Autumn edition due out in early September by the 15 July.

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Dates for your Diary in 2023



Saturday 17 June : Village Fete at Wistaston Church Lane Academy

Saturday 19 August : Flower & Produce Show -Church Hall

Saturday 9 September : Model Boat & Duck Race - Joey the Swan

Saturday 4 November : Fireworks - The Brittles

Friday 8 December : Christmas Concert - Church Hall

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!

We have an action packed summer and autumn ahead of us. The Community Events Team are organising the Village Fete in June, followed by the Flower and Produce Show in August and the Duck Race in September. They're all labour intensive so if you can help it would be great. The Fete details can be found on the front cover and on page 9 you can find out even more about the Fete and also details of the Flower and Produce Show and the Duck Race.

So come on Saturday the 17 June and enjoy all the fun of the Fete.

The Laurie Twiss Award



Last reminder for entering the Laurie Twiss Award.

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1. Elections

a) Parish Council 12 seats.

Seven applications were elected unopposed. Five vacancies are open, four in Wistaston Green Ward and one in St. Mary's ward.

If any resident has an interest in co-option to our Council please contact our Clerk.

b) Cheshire East Council.

Two members were elected to represent Wistaston; Margaret Simon and Alan Coiley.

2. Volunteer teams.

Our main groups of Wistaston in Bloom (WIB), Litter Collection and Conservation continue their work bringing significant benefits to our community.

More volunteers are always wanted, in particular our small WIB team. If anyone can spare a little time for light garden work they would be welcome.

We are also seeking a Leader to coordinate and organise a Speed Watch Team. Training will be provided. Interested? please contact our Clerk.

3. Fly Tipping.

We are seeing increased levels of discarded waste mainly in Beech Drive and Wistaston Green Road car park areas.

This is adding extra costs to your council. Reporting can be made to our PCSO Daniel Walley on Tel; 101 or our Clerk.

4. Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Latest data 13th April to 9th May.

Number of Vehicles (Westward direction) 37651

Exceeding speed limit 5162 (13.71%)

Highest speed 79mph.

Our details are to be forwarded to our PCSO for police speed checks.

We have plans to extend our scheme with a second unit.

Previous Speed watch data indicated the highest number of offences occurred in Crewe Road, Park Drive, Church Lane and Laidon avenue.

A final decision will be made in conjunction with the Police and CEC highways and local consultation.

Resident feedback would be welcome. Please forward comments to our Clerk.

Cllr J Moore
Chairman



Wistaston Swans WI

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month (excl Aug)

7.45 pm at; The Brittles, Church Lane, Wistaston, CW2 8EZ

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Saturday 17th June

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Saturday 9th September



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NANTWICH & DISTRICT SCOTTISH SOCIETY

Free on a Monday Night? Need some exercise?

Come and join our Scottish Country Dancing Class.

This Society has been meeting in Wistaston Memorial Hall for a very long time! You will hear very few Scottish accents in our ranks but we all love Scottish Reels and Jigs and have a great time on a Monday Night. We learn new dances, repeat old favourites and always have fun.

Our season runs from September to May and the last 12 months have seen us “back to normal” following Covid.



We have a good turn out each week - experts and beginners - and we aim to cater for everyone.

Why not come along and see for yourself. You will be made very welcome.

If you are interested just let either Liz 01270 567454 or Christine 01270 781137 know and we will make sure you get a special invite for September.



**Cheshire East Mobile Library, Week 3,
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The first few dates are as follows:

1st June; 22 June; 13 July, 3rd August; 24th Aug.

Enjoy this excellent facility.

Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

Our Ground Force week-end schedule as mentioned in my Spring editorial went ahead as planned and when the Summer issue of 'Roundabout' finds its way through your letterboxes the current **2023** campaign would have been in progress for some seven to eight weeks.

The 2023 playing season commenced on Saturday 22nd April.

The First Eleven will be competing in **The Cheshire Cricket League Division 3**, with their first match of the season playing hosts to **Offerton.C.C.** whilst our **Second Eleven** will be eagerly playing in **The Cheshire Cricket League Division C (South/Central)** away to **Over Peover.C.C.**

The 2023 playing season commenced on Sunday 23rd April.

Our **ladies** cricketing eleven **The Swans**, will be playing in **Division 4 (West) of The Cheshire Women's Cricket League**, with their first fixture of **2023** away to **Oakmere.C.C.**

Our junior teams, which I have already mentioned are the future of our cricket club, will be again competing in their respective leagues within **The South Cheshire Junior Cricket League**.

The **Under 9's** had their first match abandoned, so hopefully they can start their playing season at home against **Aston.C.C. Cheshire**.

The **Under 11's** commence their season with a home fixture against **Davenham.C.C.** and finally the **Under 15's** will be playing **Nantwich C.C.**

All matches began playing week commencing **23rd April**.

Following the cricket club's A.G.M, which was held early February, the following members were elected:-

Chairperson: Tanith Allwood. Vice Chair: Keith Thornhill. Vice Chair: Ned Townsend. Secretary: Tristan King. Treasurer: Kevin Jobbins. League Rep: Ryan Briddon. Welfare Office: Tanith Allwood. Fund Raising Manager: Gemma Whitehurst. Head Groundsman: Kevin Jobbins. Groundsmen: Dean Titus., Mark Bourne and Adrian Birchall. 1st Team Captain: Ryan Briddon. 2nd Team Capt: Andy Whitehurst. Friendly Manager: Tanith Allwood. Under15's Coach: Kevin Jobbins and Chris Jobbins. Under 11's Coach Keith Thornhill and Dave Gregg. Under 9's Coach Marcus Pownall and Tristan King. All Stars: Steve Lawson. Ladies Capt: Anna Bourne and Toyin Higgs. Ladies Manager: Niki Jarvis and Zoe Davies. Other committee members John Avery, Billy Ridgway and Kate Birchall.

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

Bingo: The cricket club holds Bingo evenings every third **Friday** of each month, with the exception of a break from June to August at the **Wistaston Pavilion Lounge at The Brittles** 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 Tel: 01270483494.

We offer cricket to adults and junior of all standards and we are proud on being very much a child friendly club having 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 - ANSWERS ON PAGE 16

1. What kind of fruit is depicted on the badge of Worcestershire County Cricket Club
2. Which South African was chosen as the Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 2003?
3. Which small village in rural Hampshire is known as the 'Cradle of Cricket' and was England's leading cricket club before the formation of the MCC?
4. How wide is the cricket wicket formed by the three wooden stumps?
5. Grace Road is a cricket ground in which English city?
6. Which Test player scored 380 six months before Brian Lara scored 400 to take back the highest individual score record in Test cricket?



Wistaston Conservation Group

Hello everyone, just to let you know what we've been doing during the last few months.

Improving the area for wildlife.

The Wistaston Conservation Group is keen as ever to make space for nature by installing bat, and bird boxes, and bug hotels. Piles of logs, trimmings, and leaves can make great hiding places for insects and a good spot for hedgehogs if left undisturbed. Some wilder areas of shrubs, brambles, dandelions, nettles, and teasel are good sources of food and shelter for insects, birds, and mammals. The wildflower area provides nectar-rich flowers, and a lifeline for bees, butterflies, and other insects. One particular shrub, blackthorn is an early source of nectar for emerging butterflies in the Spring and the foliage is a food plant for caterpillars, for example, the comma and dozens of moth species depend on the tree for their survival. Similarly, nettles are the food plant for the caterpillars of the red admiral, peacock, small tortoiseshell, painted lady, and comma butterflies. We have recently strimmed and cut back brambles and nettles which allow hidden wildflowers to germinate and fresh regrowth from the nettles. The bright yellow brimstone butterfly emerged on 20th March fluttering across the Old filter beds where we have opened a large area between Hinging Bank and the Spinney, known as 'Filter-bed Hill'.

In January it was decided that because many years had passed since the filter beds had become unused, 'Filter-bed Hill' had been left dormant, and it would be beneficial to clear the brambles that had been spreading thickly and were taking over the whole of the hillside, smothering other types of growth. Towards the end of last year, we had an additional petrol-driven brush cutter donated to us by a resident who no longer had a use for it. Now with three, and sometimes four, cutters working, we made fast work of the brambles, with the rest of the group raking the cuttings into 'Windrow' wildlife habitats. The brambles were unsightly and were restricting those who wanted to walk over the hill towards the Old Covert and the access gate near the Scout Hut and Elm Close, causing the existing pathways to become overused.

The Wood-wide Web

Composting and replenishing the various plant beds and planting both native trees and some ornamental trees continue in our community. Interestingly, the term 'wood-wide web' has been coined to give credit to the impact of fungi and their subterranean strands, the Mycelium. These fungal strands stretch and extend, and can absorb minerals that plant roots cannot, and deliver them to the trees. In return, so to speak, the trees give sugars to the fungi. As well as dissolved nutrients, chemical and electrical signals are carried by the fungal network from tree to tree.

Cash donation received. Also, in January a substantial amount of money was given to us by a local lady recently bereaved by the death of her husband. This lady who was often seen walking in our woodland in company with her late husband often enjoyed stopping to chat and was always interested in our work. A commemorative tree has been planted and we hope to place one, or possibly two benches using the rest of the money.

Pet Memorial Pillar.

While clearing some tree trunks and logs left by the tree surgeons, one of our work team recalled the suggestion from a visitor of having something as a 'Pet Memorial' as mentioned in our article of Autumn last year. To this end, we selected a suitable tree trunk and erected it as a memorial pillar.

The original idea was to place the memorial in Old Covert, but the chosen place is now at the edge of that covert near the football pitches, where it is more easily seen. Quite a few people have attached plaques to the pillar, and we would encourage others to do the same, in remembrance of their pets. Some of the smaller logs have been used to build a rustic bench in the same place.

Sandie Wilson our very talented local wood artist has helped with this bench and has kindly donated a statue of a cat and dog which now adds a welcome finish to the memorial pillar, as well as a 'Bug Hotel' that has been placed on a tree in the Spinney.



How are the mighty fallen.

Over the weekend of the 25/26 March part of a huge Willow tree at the edge of the Spinney area fell onto the feature known as 'Woodhenge'. No injury was caused and our group made the fallen timber safe by removing as much of it as we could, using just hand saws and axes. The now stable main trunk was left to be removed by contractors employed by the parish council.



If anyone would like to meet us to discuss what we do or suggest ideas for projects, we usually work in the 'Joey the Swan' area on Monday mornings. Further contact details are shown on the W.C.G. noticeboard close to the Church Lane entrance, online (search on Wistaston Conservation Group), and on Facebook.

Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre



At the AGM in March, **John Cooke** stood down as President of the Hall. John had been on the committee for 41 years, during which time he undertook many roles including representing Wistaston Parish Council and Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club, Secretary from 1997 to 2009 and management of the shares portfolio. On behalf of the Trustees, members of the community, Chair Diane Edge-Robinson thanked John for all the time he had given and presented him with a clematis climbing plant, appropriately named 'President'. Eileen Bamber was formally sworn in as the new President.

In other news, the Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre, Community Consultation Questionnaire was opened early in March and was closed on the 30th of April, with a fabulous response. 386 households answered the call to give their views on the need for the rebuilding of the Memorial Hall. Drop-in sessions were also held on the 1st, 15th and 22nd April to answer questions and let everyone know how the project was developing. 17 letters of support have been received from organisations that currently use the Hall. Analysis of the responses is now underway. The next step is to review each build option available for its financial and practical viability. See our New Build page at www.wistastonmemorialhall.uk for latest news.

If you would be interested in being involved in either the day to day running of the Memorial Hall or the New Build project, we would love to hear from you. Contactus@wistastonmemorialhall.uk

ANSWERS TO CRICKET QUIZ ON PAGE 13

1. Pear. 2. Shaun Pollock. 3. Hambledon.
4. 9 inches. 5. Leicester. 6. Matthew Hayden.



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Article taken from The Sunday Express January 14 1973

Village spends £850 on swan that died in 1937

Everyone in the village thinks so much of Joey the Swan that they are to spend £850 and hold a religious service in his memory.

Although Joey was killed by a passing van 36 years ago people in Wistaston , near Crewe, Cheshire, cannot forget how he captured everyone's heart.

Five years ago a medallion in the shape of a swan was added by the parish council to their chairman's chain of office.

Now they have decided on an even greater honour. They are to spend £750 to landscape the acre of land now overgrown where Joey used to live and to build a bridge over a stream there. A further £100 will go on a painted sign of Joey which will be unveiled during a service.

Mr James Akers the council clerk told me: I have never heard of a swan being honoured in this way

'His home was once a favourite spot to which families from miles around used to walk to feed him. When his mate died he was very lonely and grew fantastically tame and affectionate.

'We are spending the money to make his old home like a village green again by planting trees and flowering shrubs and grassing the area.

'We shall put up something like a pub sign with a painting of the swan and a plaque with the words: 'On a pool on this site there lived until 1937 a white swan known as Joey and this is to commemorate his memory for all time because of the great affection in which he was held by the village.'

The service at the spot will be a simple but touching one.'

Joey was the lone survivor of a family of swans brought to the area by Sir Edward Delves-Broughton, owner of Wistaston Hall until 1889.

*When Joey was killed the council wanted to commemorate him but they did not own the land. Now the present owners, **(the Fathers of the Oblate Mission, now Retreat)** have presented the land to the village.*

Mrs Dorothy Furmston the Council chairman said 'We hope to get a grant from the Department of the Environment. The home of this much-loved swan is derelict and for a long time we have wanted to return it to its former glory.'

Historian Miss Dorothy Sylvester who lives in the village said ; 'Swans do have a fantastic life-span and this one could have been at least 70 when he died.'

Joey the Swan

In Wistaston there lived a swan
And Joey was his name.
Folks came to see him from afar
For such was Joey's fame.
For very many years he lived
And swam upon his pool.
The children stopped to feed him when
They wandered home from school
Adventure called and Joe set off
To cross the road he tried,
But cars are fast and Joe was slow



And so, alas, he died.
So now he's gone, this handsome swan
Where all the good swans fly.
He should have stayed upon his pool
And watched the world go by.

Very many thanks to Bill Atkins for
the above news item and poem
which were discovered in his family

home in Wistaston after his father died. Mr Atkins senior was chased by
Joey in 1933. Quite a claim to fame!

**The end results -
photographed in 2021 by
Jonathan White.
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Parish Councils, Wistaston
Conservation Group,
Wistaston in Bloom and
many other members of the
village.**



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Motherwell Community Share Hub



Motherwell Community Share

Hub is located on Beech Drive, Wistaston. The Hub is here to build a more sustainable future for families in the local community, encouraging a 'pass it on' culture and help reduce waste. The Hub can help provide like-new uniforms, for both primary and secondary schools in the local area, branded uniforms with the school logos. Our Footlocker scheme provides like-new football boots, astroturf trainers and shin pads to the local community. This is to encourage local children to stay active and enjoy being part of a sporting team without the worry of the costs. Our Hub can also provide winter coats, seasonal fancy dress items for events like World Book Day, Halloween etc. Our Baby Bank is also here at the Hub, offering support for expectant mothers, supporting the baby up to the age of two years. We have travel systems, baths, Moses baskets, nappies, clothes and lots, lots, more! The Community Share Hub is open every week, Tuesday and Thursday, 12 – 2, however over the May holidays the Hub is open:

Sat 27 May: 12 – 2

Tuesday 30 May: 12 – 2

Wed 31st May: 12 – 2

Thursday 1st June 12 – 2

Saturday 3 June 12 – 2

If you have any questions, please email us on motherwellhub@motherwellcheshirecio.com

At Inspire we host a range of free activities for young women in the local community. Our activities aim to improve wellbeing by encouraging young women to try new things, building confidence and meeting new people.

We have an upcoming flower arranging workshop at our Motherwell hub at Beech Drive on Thursday 1st of June, 3 – 5, and will be hosting a range of other creative and wellbeing workshops and activities over the summer holidays.

Our upcoming activities can be checked by visiting our website: inspire-motherwell.co.uk where you can see our monthly wellbeing planner.



NATURE ARTICLE

Re. last article, and attempt to explain the ‘jack’ of ‘jackdaw’, mystery solved. Trawling through bird-guides we found two instances of the call given as ‘tchack’. Putting ‘tchack’ and ‘daw’ together would seem to state the obvious. As meerkats would say: ‘simples’!

The wren, second smallest of British breeding birds (smallest being goldcrest), one of the commonest sounds in countryside, especially near water, we heard infrequently this winter. Susceptible to cold weather, after so many mild winters have they succumbed to December’s big freeze? At the other end of the spectrum is there an increase in magpies? Larger numbers are seen these days on our country walks. Maybe fewer magpie traps are in operation along with a reduction in gamekeeping. It is rare that our garden is without a magpie and the antics of this intelligent bird are always fun to watch.

Flocks of small birds in treetops of allotment bank, Sandylands Park, are always goldfinches when we look, their beaks especially pointed in order to probe seeds from teasel or thistle heads. Now that trapping them for caged songsters is illegal numbers of this colourful finch are rising.

Six of our winter thrushes – fieldfares – gathered in a neighbour’s tree 19 Jan, and the house sparrow terrace had its preliminary inspection in January, occupation taking place in February.

Egrets began to feature in February, with Lynda Simmons witnessing one flying over her house by Wistaston Brook and recalling a sight two weeks previously. On first day of March Allan and Jenny Poole of Chesterton Drive saw two little egrets in their tree. (Little egrets exhibit yellow feet as a distinguishing mark, not easy to spot when they are standing in mud!)

Chiffchaff song prevailed in allotment bank late March, a very common sound in the countryside this year we are finding.

After our security light lit up one night in February a fox was discovered loping down the street from our drive. Light has been set off since, once again by Brer Fox and once by a cat. Mostly, however, a quick flick of the curtains at the time reveals nothing. They know how to ‘hop it’. 24 March and a daytime fox was spotted mounting bank in front of the house, escaping into allotments.

The glorious weather of Easter Saturday brought brimstone and orange tip butterflies to the garden while Easter Sunday brought the grizzly spectacle of the massacre of a pigeon by the neighbourhood sparrowhawk. Neither of the magpie pair watching had the pluck (pun intended) to challenge the possession of this hearty meal!

A late report came in from Mr. Vaughan of Red Hall Farm, who records swallow arrivals. This year his first appeared on 8 April, quite different from last year's 22nd. He also gave date of 8 April again for 2018/19.

Our thanks to all contributors.

Trevor and Hilary Clowes
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Remembrance of Times Past!

In our Queen's Life - Christopher Leggett

It was nineteen fifty three
When Princess Elizabeth became Queen for thee.
Her Coronation
Was watched by millions in many a nation.
It was the year I was born
The start of a new dawn
The nation was still getting over the war
And it was peace mankind was looking for.
It was a time of great transition
For many a good reason.
Many changes were for the best
As in the future the changes stood the test
Our Queen Elizabeth reigned through all of the times, good and bad
For seventy years on throne she had.
Her Platinum Jubilee
Was for all of us a joy to see.
May now rest in peace.

Now God save the King.

WISTASTON IN BLOOM



Wistaston-in-Bloom

Wistaston is in the competitions in Britain-in-Bloom this year.

North-West-in-Bloom

This is our usual regional competition. Judging for this has not yet been confirmed but we expect it to be mid-July.

Britain-in-Bloom

The national competition in the Town Category.

Against Five other entrants

Judging for this competition is now confirmed

To be on the morning of Tuesday 1 August

There is a lot going on this summer and together with support from the Parish Council, the Conservation Group, Litter pickers, Wistaston Allotments, the Bloom Group and all the residents of Wistaston we should put on another good show.

Happy Gardening

Bill Heath

Secretary

Wistaston-in-Bloom

Phone 01270 560471

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.

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As I write the natural world is waking up!
Trees and plants that a couple of weeks ago
looked dead are now bursting with life, we
could just do with a bit more warmth.

We all have our favourite season I'm sure, for
me, it's Summer. I think because I like warmth,
but it also brings back memories of childhood,
enjoying the seemingly never ending school
summer holiday. Time spent with friends play-
ing games and sitting on the grass talking for hours about the latest
music and the like. We know we can't live in the past, but it can
help us in the present, and into the future, if we have good
memories to look back on.



On the 28 May, churches celebrated Pentecost Sunday, the
Church's Birthday! A day when the people of the time looked back
at what Jesus had done, remembered, cherished and celebrated it,
and then moved forward, now empowered by the Holy Spirit, as the
Church does so today.

I hope you have a great summer and you get some time for rest
and relaxation. You can find more information about St Mary's on
our website: stmaryswistaston.org.uk.

Best wishes,
Revd Mike,
St Mary's Wistaston.

WISTASTON GARDENERS SOCIETY

Monthly meetings are held at Wistaston Memorial Hall on the 2nd Tuesday
of the month starting at 7.30pm.
We are a friendly group with interesting speakers. Come along as a guest
for £2 and experience what we have to offer.

For further information contact Pauline Hutchings on 01270 211674

WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL BOWLING CLUB



Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club on Church Lane in Wistaston CW2 8EZ are looking for new members to join their club.

They are holding a Family Open Day on Saturday 13th May 2023 (2pm-4pm) with free admission and everyone is welcome. There will also be refreshments and special children's games. It will be a fun afternoon where visitors can come and try crown green bowling. No experience needed, just pop in and have a go! New members (including beginners) are always welcome!

Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club was created in 1959 and is in the heart of Wistaston village. The club is friendly and active with around 100 members across a range of ages. They play crown green bowls. The club competes in local leagues as well as having regular social bowling sessions where members play together for fun rather than competition.

For further information please contact Anne on 07933570204 or visit their website: <https://www.wistastonbowling.club/>



Thank you to Jonathan White for the narrative and photos.



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St Mary's Stepping Stones **at Joey the Swan**

Stepping Stones at St Mary's, Wistaston and St Luke's, Willaston planted a tree in April at Joey the Swan for the Coronation of King Charles III, with the help of David O'Hara and Wistaston Conservation Group. The children thoroughly enjoyed being hands on, filling the hole with soil. For further info on coming along to Stepping Stones <http://stmaryswistaston.org.uk/>





Crewe Methodists
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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

- DL. 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. '40th Anniversary'
- A2. A Bouquet for a Queen. *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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Please read the schedule and the rules very carefully to make sure your entries are in the correct class, are trimmed as directed, are the correct size and contain the correct amount of ingredients.

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