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EDITORIAL FOR SPRING 2024

Hopefully Spring really is around the corner - it has certainly been a long time coming! 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 Summer edition, due out in early June 2024 by the 15 April.

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Dates for your Diary 2024

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.

Wistaston Village Fete - Saturday 15 June 2024.

Flower and Produce Show - Saturday 17 August 2024

Annual Duck Race - Saturday 7 September or alternative date - 14 September

Fireworks - 2 November 2024 - Brittles

Remembrance Service: 10 November at 3pm in the Memorial Hall

Christmas Concert: Friday 6th December at 7pm St Mary's Church Hall

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Wistaston Parish Council Chairman's Report

1. Budget for 2024

After a period of several years maintaining our precept level on households this year we face considerable cost increases.

Main areas of increase are in Administration, Contractors for flower beds, JTS grasslands and Environmental support for our Woodlands.

We continue to support our voluntary groups and for this year at a reduced level and we have no additions to capital plans.

Overall, our budget requirement is an increase of around £3000. This represents a cost increase for a band D property of £0.78 pence per year.

2. Wistaston in Bloom

This group is on hold following the retirement of their leader Bill Heath and alternative plans have been made for the current year.

The 6 main flower beds will be planted by our contractor like previous years.

The remaining 5 permanently planted beds including the Sensory garden are to be maintained by our Conservation group under the guidance of their leader Dave O'Hara.

All the planting of tubs, boxes, baskets and a small number of verge areas will not be completed this year.

Thanks are expressed to our Conservation team and the Motherwell care centre who have agreed to carry out irrigation and maintenance for the flower bed on Beech Drive.

If any resident wants to help for the future we need a new volunteer group and Team leader to help plan and coordinate our contractor and planting program.

If interested please contact our Clerk or if wanting to discuss the issues in more detail contact the Chairman.

3. CEC consultation proposals.

a) Ward representation for CEC Councillors.

New changes in boundaries will transfer our Wells Green Ward south of Crewe road into a Crewe Ward.

Most of Willaston will merge with Wistaston and the area North of Wistaston Green Road transferred to Leighton.

Our Parish will be represented by additional CEC councillors.(currently 2)

b) Trees

The new policy for the future is trees will not be replaced in verges unless over 3 metres (10 feet) from the kerb edge.

Over time this would mean the vast majority of trees will disappear from our Town and Village roadsides.

In Wistaston two examples are Park Drive and Westfield Drive.

Our Council is challenging this proposal as we consider suitable trees mainly low growing ornamental examples should be allowed.

Wistaston Parish Councillor **Contact Information**

ST. MARY'S WARD (Five Councillors – 1 Vacancy)

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WISTASTON GREEN WARD (Four Councillors – 3 Vacancies)

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WELLS GREEN WARD (Three Councillors)

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4. Police

We continue to press for a dedicated PCSO for Wistaston, however, we have two newly appointed officers to represent our Parish, PC's Dean Ashmore and Gary Fulton.

5. Future meetings

21st March 2024, 18th April 2024 (Annual), 16th May 2024, 20th June 2024, 18th July 2024, 19th September, 2024, 17th October 2024, 21st November 2024, 19th December 2024

Cllr J Moore
Chairman

Wistaston Flower Club

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



In December we had a fantastic demonstration from Julie Pearson from Bolton (Area) entitled 'Tis the Season' – she brought lots of 'glitz and glam' to the Memorial Hall and lots of Christmas Cheer to start off the Season.

Following this Demonstration on the 8th December we held our Festive Workshop when 12 members were given the privilege of one of our Committee Members – Judy - passing on her knowledge to us all, in creating either a wreath or candle table decoration. This was a fun afternoon and lots of chatter and laughter along the way.

In February the Flower Club will be having its Annual AGM and a New Programme will be issued to all Members. We have another year of Demonstrations from NAFAS Qualified Floral Artists - National Association of Flower Arranging Societies - for our members and would happily welcome new members and visitors to join us during the year.

Our guest speaker for February is Kathleen Williams from Oldham with her Talk on '**Marvellous Markets**'.

April - a Floral Demonstration from Penelope Harrison:
entitled '**Contrasts**'

May – a Floral Demonstration from Sioned Hughes:
entitled '**Beyond Mere Words**'

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

WELLS GREEN EASTER DAY WORSHIP

We are celebrating our Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, 31 March,
and invite you to join us:

**Outdoor, Early Morning Communion at Joey the Swan, 7.30am
followed by breakfast at the Church, Brookland Avenue, CW2 8EJ
then All-Age, Family Communion at 10.30am**

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Community Gift Day at Wells Green held on 25 November



As you can see, the Gift Day received tremendous support and these are just the food items to set alongside lots of toys and books plus more than £300 in cash. Thank you all so much for your generosity in giving to the Christmas 2023 Appeals from the Salvation Army and St Paul's Foodbank in Crewe. Together we made a huge contribution and brightened up the festive season for many people.

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Community Share Hub

Our sustainable, accessible to all scheme, provides a range of different services for ALL of our community with no questions asked.

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Our Baby Bank provides like-new items to families: cots, clothing bundles, travel systems, prams and lots, lots more.

Our hub stocks school uniforms, generic and branded items: football boots, stationery and period poverty kits. In addition we have our fancy dress and a community library rental service.

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There is lots more information to add but for any more information about Motherwell services please see <https://motherwellcheshirecio.com> or call 01606 557666

Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

May I wish all the readers of Roundabout a somewhat belated happy and healthy New Year. As I compile my latest cricketing editorial (in early January) it is hard to believe that in barely three months, another cricketing season will be upon us. Hopefully the severe weather that we are experiencing at the moment will be a distant memory when our cricket club commences their **2024** campaign in **April** and continues until **September**. When the weather becomes less intrusive, essential preparations to our wickets and outfield would have been put into place under the guidance of Head Groundsman **Kevin Jobbins** ably assisted by club members.

Despite the atrocious weather that we have had, currently the work already carried out on our wickets and outfields has been productive and as the club continues to ensure that our playing facilities are in tip top condition it will ensure the club's standard is maintained and cricket can be enjoyed by members and visiting cricket teams. 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 **2023** 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, our participating teams generally enjoyed their cricket and are positive in achieving a productive forthcoming playing season.

Forthcoming season:-

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

The Second Eleven will be competing in **The North Stafford South Cheshire Premier Cricket League Division 8.**

The Swans Eleven will be competing 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

Junior indoor nets commenced on Thursdays from 25th January until 11th April 2024 at Malbank High School from 6-7 pm, for All Stars, Under 9's and Under 11's groups. New players are most welcome.

Ladies Indoor nets are also up and running from **11th January at The Cricket Barn, Aston**, on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Options for softball and hardball players. Level 3 coach will be attending at all sessions.

Senior Winter Nets commenced at **The Cricket Barn, Aston CW5 8DP 10th January 2024 every Wednesday 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm.**

New players are always welcome so just get in touch, email us at wistastoncricketclub@outlook.com

Due to the cricket club's **A.G.M.** not being held until late **January**, details of our election of officers for **2024**, 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 01270483494**.

Wistaston Cricket Club continues their search for players for the current cricket season, not only to promote but further improve on the progress achieved over past seasons. As mentioned on many occasions we offer cricket for adults and junior of **ALL STANDARDS** therefore if you are interested in joining our cricket club please contact Kevin or Pauline Jobbins 01270483494. Take that all important first step.

We are proud on being very much a child friendly club and have been re-credited with the **E.C.B Club Mark** originally awarded in May 2005.

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.

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CRICKET TEASERS

SIX OF THE BEST

1. Which legendary bowler had the nickname 'Barnacle Bill' ?
2. Who became the highest wicket-taker in Test cricket when he overtook Shane Warne's record on December 2007 ?
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. In 1992, at the age of 19, who became the first overseas-born player to represent Yorkshire?
5. Which cricketer captained South Africa in the early nineties after playing 24 Tests for Australia in the eighties ?
6. Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie was both the last amateur captain and first professional captain of which First Class Cricketing County.

ANSWERS WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 28

Wistaston Conservation Group

What we did one Monday in October.

We planted a sack of daffodil bulbs in the beds behind the noticeboard at Joey the Swan.



This task was quickly done with the large number of volunteers who turned up. At the same time the hedge on Church Lane received a trimming, the warm and wet weather having promoted new growth since its last cutting. Meanwhile, others started to take wood chip-pings, that had been left from the felling of an unsafe tree to the Spinney pathway which being a popular area for people to visit, needs the surface renewing on a regular basis to keep it as mud-free as possible.

After our 11 o'clock coffee break we all moved to the Spinney to carry on with our tidying up that we had begun the week before. Grass and nettles were strimmed, and brush and brambles were removed from around sapling trees planted at the edge of the football fields.

We even found the time to leaf-blow the car park at Beech Drive.

Himalayan balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*)

is an invasive, non-native weed, that we are constantly looking to remove.

A relative of Busy Lizzie, it is a plant with an attractive flower and for this reason was introduced to the U.K. as a garden plant in 1839. It spread rapidly to the countryside, and has become a chronic problem nationally and locally along the banks of Wistaston Brook. It spreads quickly, out-competing native plants. The flowers are sought by bees, producing many seed pods that explode, dispersing up to 800 seeds per plant, which travel a considerable distance. The seeds will also spread in moving water, up to 4 metres from the parent plant.



At a height of 2.5 metres Himalayan balsam is now the tallest annual plant in the U.K., and is listed on Schedule 9 of the **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981** in England and Wales, making it an offence to plant it due to it spreading throughout the countryside.

Balsam is such a tenacious plant it can take up to 3 years to be eradicated from an area. As it is shallow rooted, it is quite easily removed but the plants need to be pulled up between April and June before they set seed. We regularly check for the appearance of new growth. If there are no seeds present the plants can be composted. If seed pods are evident we are advised to burn the material. Fortunately, to date, we have not had to carry out the latter procedure.

Drainage Problems

The drainage in certain parts of the 'Joey' area leaves a lot to be desired. This is mainly due to a deterioration of the drainage system due to age, the terracotta pipes having become broken or disjointed allowing the ingress of tree roots.

The recent very wet weather has worsened the problem and we are trying to find the ineffective drainpipes with a view to clearing them. Unfortunately, many of the drains are buried deep in the ground and are beyond our limited capabilities to be uncovered.

However, we have been working on one section of pipe near to the north end of the Spinney where it passes underneath the raised boardwalk and path between the scout hut and the football fields.

The problem here is that the water to the north of the boardwalk pools and forms a large pond that in hot weather becomes stagnant and gives off a very unpleasant smell.

We were unable to find the lower end of the pipe due to debris collected over many years, and we were forced to break into the only visible section to gain access for the rodding to begin. We had some success and the flow increased, but a better solution was sought by rodding the upper end of the pipe, i.e. the outflow from the aforementioned pond.

It proved difficult to locate this pipe due to the very murky water and it was decided to wait for the water level to drop.



On the second Monday of the new year we resumed our search for the outflow, and we were pleased to see that the water level had fallen even further than before Christmas despite the recent heavy rains. Unfortunately, we were still unable to locate the outlet precisely, but we are confident when the water level drops even further we will be able to finish the job.

If anyone would like to speak to us about what we do; we work each Monday morning, except public holidays. Details of where we will be on any particular occasion can be found on our website.

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Christmas at Wistaston Church Lane was very festive this year. We decorated a tree with our own Christmas wishes for ourselves and others ready for the new year. Also, in the hall we made hanging Christmas decorations from reindeer to snowmen, Santa's hats to Christmas trees, baubles to stars and lots more. This year, we also completed an Elf Run to raise money for St Luke's Hospice. We were guided by Mr Raiswell and Santa around the school in our year groups or our buddies. It was extremely fun and was an amazing way to get us active for Christmas. As our reward, we got Instant Oats from Mornflake as a special thank you for donating.

We also celebrated by having a Christmas fair. At the fair, they had a tombola, luxury hot chocolate, things you could buy and even a Santa's Grotto. It was lots of fun and we raised quite a bit of money for our school.

By Daisy and Poppy (Year 5)

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/

Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre

General Update

The 74th annual Remembrance Service was held on the 12th of November. Helen Tattersall of the Wistaston Swans WI gave a presentation of the role of the Women's Institute during wartime. Sincere thanks to Helen and all involved in the Remembrance Service.

Thanks also goes to all who made the hall look Christmassy over the festive period, it certainly assisted in giving it a cheery and welcoming look, for what is, a community hub. It was certainly well patronised during the festive period, and the annual Cancer Research Christmas fayre was a big success.

This year marks 75 years since the opening of the Hall and we are hoping to celebrate this in some way – we would certainly welcome suggestions and support from organisations who would like to be included. We will start to promote this within the community in the coming weeks.

Rebuild Project Update

Since November 2023, the Rebuild Project Team have continued to evaluate the range of options for how the project can be delivered in terms of financial and practical viability. We are following The National Lottery Community Fund (TNLCF) guidelines for how to do this and currently at Stage 2 of the process. This involves gathering information about the advantages and disadvantages of each option, one of the most difficult being to cost each option. In the last issue of Roundabout we stated the deadline for obtaining all costs had been set as November 17th. This was very optimistic! It's now the end of February 2024 and the team are just completing this task. Next step is to develop a system to assess each option (TNLCF Stage 3) and then we will move on to scoring each option (TNLCF Stage 4). We aim to present the chosen option to the WMH&CC Trustees during the Spring. In parallel we have started to work on the Design brief for the new Hall.

You may have noticed we have changed our project name from New Build to Rebuild. This is to make it clear to funders we already have a Memorial Hall which is being rebuilt. Some funders do not give grants for new buildings.

See our Rebuild 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 Rebuild project, we would love to hear from you.

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In September this year Willaston WI will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary. In 1949 Dorothy Lomax, who lived at Woleston Hall, called a meeting in the Tennis Pavilion. 100 women turned up and, as the venue couldn't hold so many, the first meeting began in September of that year with the group already having a waiting list.

In 1951 the population of Willaston was 1882 which indicates a significant interest in joining WI. It was stipulated at that early stage only residents of Willaston could join.

The group has continued to flourish and over the years various anniversaries have been celebrated. Trees have been planted in the village, and a WI plaque was placed on Mike Hayward Green on Wistaston Road to mark the Golden Jubilee. Meetings have been held at St John's Chapel, St Luke's Church in Coppice Road and in recent years The Acacia Suite at the Masonic Hall.

Following a gap, whilst covid had to be avoided, meetings are once again being held on the second Wednesday of each month from 7pm. In January Andrew Ridgeway took us on a virtual tour of Nantwich. He gave a detailed account of the history and houses in Welsh Row, one of the oldest parts of the town. We have a wide variety of speakers lined up for the rest of this year. Talks on style, flowers, Harold Shipman, training guide dogs and more.

Extra activities are organized each month as well as lunch at a local venue, and visits to the Nantwich Theatre. There are also three events to be held at St Luke's during the year, the first being an afternoon tea and the others still to be decided.

Visitors, potential new members, are very welcome to attend on a try before you buy basis and will be warmly welcomed. The group meet at The Acacia Suite (The Masonic Hall) Willaston CW5 7ER on the second Wednesday of each month. Members arrive around 7pm for the meeting to begin at 7.30. If you would like more information see Willaston WI Facebook or telephone Jenny Hodkinson on 07854 869325 or Brenda Taylor on 01270 623191

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NATURE ARTICLE

Mid October and starling flocks increasing in number, congregations of birds gathering on rooftops, chattering incessantly. Poor showing of perching birds at home feeders, even goldfinches, high numbers not materializing till the wild and wet weather of December and January when numbers of ‘perchers’ returned to normality. Was natural food still plentiful in October? No absence, however, of jackdaws, very much monopolizing ownership of lawn and suet balls.

Caterpillars are seeking out hidey-holes in which to pupate, doubtless to be parasitized by the ichneumon fly, to be eaten alive from within. It is the season, also, of delicate little ‘carpet’ moths, named after their resemblance to traditional carpet patterns, and a triangular shape when at rest.

Our first sighting of winter thrushes (sadly not in Wistaston) was 29 October over Shropshire Union Canal near Whitchurch: fieldfares issuing their chattering contact calls.

November, breakfast-time, and multiple skeins of geese in their loose ‘V’ formations, flying high, with constant contact calls and always south-westerly.

Only one chaffinch noted for inclusion in our winter feeding survey on approach of mid December. Are they falling victim to trichomonosis, the disease to which greenfinches are especially prone, characterized by difficulty in swallowing and general lethargy? Contaminated food can be a cause, which is why regular cleaning of feeders is advised.

It seems unusual to see a pair of robins tolerating each other in early winter. Books inform that it is midwinter when a female chooses her mate, yet the pair in question have been together much earlier. There is no courtship display, so they may be two birds of the same gender who are not showing the exceptionally aggressive behaviour normally associated with the species, as long as they keep an agreed distance apart.

Margaret Skerratt sent us a stunning photograph of a kingfisher on 9th December when out walking.



On the 30th December Ian and Susan Bate came across a flock of black swans grazing at a local pit. Internet reveals a breeding colony of these Australian swans in Norfolk, otherwise small numbers elsewhere are generally regarded as escapes from collections. Newsletters from the local ornithological society, SE-COS, sometimes report them, one in November recorded in Winterley. They are an attractive species, with frilly plumage.

As we await the dreaded cold snap we can at least take comfort in the bulbs pushing through in gardens and banks.

Our thanks to all contributors.

Trevor and Hilary Clowes : Tel. 664358 email handt136@talktalk.net

News from Nadiah McKeown

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St Mary's Wistaston

In church life we are in the season of Lent, a time when traditionally people give things up. During this season we remember Jesus' time in the wilderness, a time when he was tempted and resisted the devil, you can read about this in Matthew chapter 4.



In the church, Lent is also a time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter, a time to draw closer to God. Something else happens during Lent each year, on the 4th Sunday (this year 10 March), and that is Mothering Sunday or Mother's Day. We have an All Age service on Mothering Sunday at 10:40am and you would be most welcome to join us.

As we head towards Easter Sunday we 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.

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5. Flexibility and Work-Life Balance: Being a charity trustee often offers flexible time commitments, allowing retirees to balance their trustee responsibilities with other aspects of their lives. They can choose the level of involvement that suits their preferences and availability, ensuring that they can continue to enjoy their retirement while making a meaningful contribution.

6. Enhanced Well-being: Engaging in charitable work as a trustee can have positive effects on retirees' mental and emotional well-being. It provides a sense of purpose, belonging, and accomplishment, which can contribute to overall happiness and life satisfaction. Additionally, the act of giving back and helping others has been shown to improve one's own sense of self-worth and happiness.

In conclusion, being a charity trustee offers numerous benefits for retirees, including the opportunity to make a real difference, utilize their skills, continue learning, build connections, enjoy flexibility, and enhance their overall well-being. It provides a meaningful and fulfilling way to spend their retirement years while leaving a lasting impact on **their** own local society. You can find more about **Survive** and its very worthwhile work on our website <http://survive-abuse.co.uk/>

Please email us if you would like an initial chat. Look forward to hearing from you.

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Films at Wells Green.

Just one film left in the Wells Green selection of films that raise moral, social, political and spiritual questions. Further information is available from Malcolm Crook, m.h.crook@keele.ac.uk

Sunday 17 March at 2.30pm : An old man in search of a lost love.

There is no charge for admission, but a donation will be gratefully received. You may bring your own refreshments. Wells Green Methodist Church is situated just off the junction of Brookland Avene with Crewe Road at CW2 8EJ.

**Answers to quiz on page 13: 1.Trevor Bailey. 2. Muttiah Muralitharan (Sri Lanka).
3. Hambledon. 4. Sachin Tendulkar. 5.Kepler Wessels. 6. Hampshire.**

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Wistaston's 41st Flower and Produce Show

Saturday 17th August 2024 - 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. A 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 or Succulent
- 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 Classes F13/14/17/18
- F16. A Foliage Plant in a Pot, with saucer,
- F17. Six Fuchsia Heads on a Board.
- F18. A Fuchsia in a Pot (upto 15cm) 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. Nine Shallots - Large (over 30mm in diameter).
- V7. Three Round Beetroot - tops trimmed to 8cm
- V8. One Vegetable Marrow - with stalk
- V9. One Lettuce - roots shown
- V10. One Cucumber - with stalk
- V11. Five Ripe Tomatoes (not cherry variety) on a plate
- V12. A Truss of Tomatoes - not cherry variety - some ripe..
- V13. A Truss of a Named Variety of Cherry Tomatoes on a plate - some ripe.
- V14. Five Ripe Cherry Tomatoes on a plate - variety to be named.
- V15. Six Runner Beans - all with some stalk.
- V16. Six French Beans - all with some stalk.
- V17. Three Courgettes - each with some stalk.
- V18. A Single Pot of Three Different Herbs

Section D - Wistaston Parish Council Vegetable Display

D1. A Collection of Five Different Classes of Vegetables..

Section B - Harvest Basket

- B1. A Basket containing Fruit, Flowers & Produce - not to exceed 46cm in width and length; height unrestricted.

Section A - Flower Arrangements - please read rule 20.

- A1. Arrangements in a tall vase
- A2. Small arrangement in a cup and saucer

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 - My Favourite Flower
- C2. Under 12's - A Miniature Garden in a seed tray - approx. 6 x 8 inches
- C3. Under 12's - A Greeting Card
- C4. Under 12's - A Decorated Plant Pot
- C5. Under 12's - A Vegetable? Fruit Creature

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