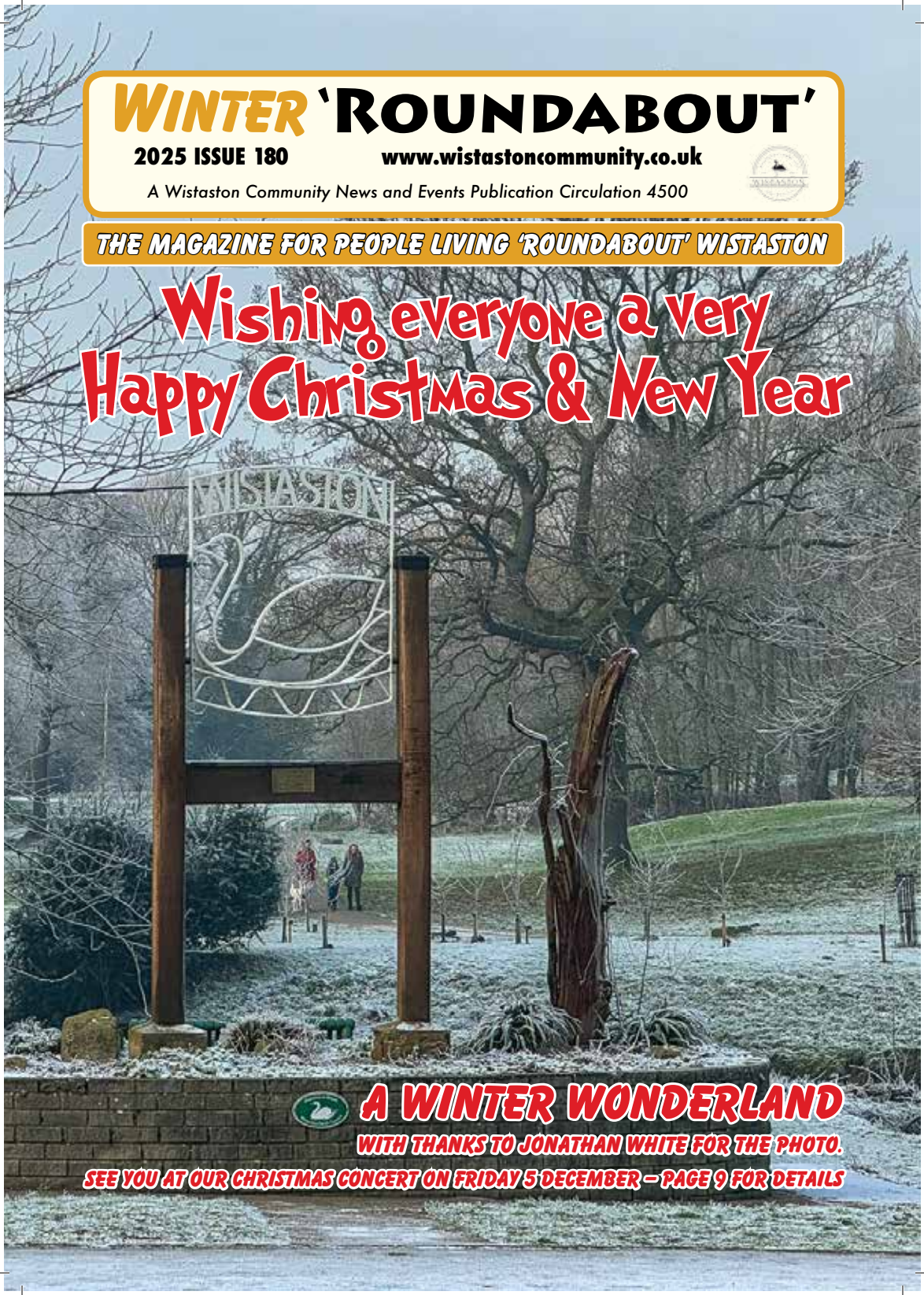
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EDITORIAL FOR WINTER 2025

What an amazing summer we have had. Thank you so much to everyone for the continued splendid support you give to Roundabout in whatever capacity, for without your contributions and advertisements and our wonderful deliverers, it could not exist! ***Wishing everyone and Happy Christmas and New Year.***

Please send in your articles, photographs etc. for our spring edition, due out in early March 2026, by the 15th January.

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Dates for your Diary 2025/2026



There are plenty of things happening in Wistaston over the next few months. Keep looking on facebook and notice boards for updates etc. Initially though, jot these dates down in your diaries.

Christmas Concert: Friday 5 December at 6pm St Mary's Church Hall
Village Fete : Saturday 20 June 2026
Flower and Produce Show - Saturday 15 August 2026
Duck Race - Saturday 5 September 2026



The Laurie Twiss Award

As mentioned in the last Roundabout, we have received the entries for the Laurie Twiss Award and we do have the winners. I am sorry the results should have been in the Winter edition of Roundabout but as the awards are due to be presented at the Christmas Concert we would rather wait until then to announce the results. The winners will know beforehand.
However all the young writers of Wistaston can begin to think about what they are going to do for next year. Write a story or article of your choice - real or imaginary, fact or fiction. The winner will keep for one year the Laurie Twiss Trophy plus a Gift voucher and pen. The second and third winners will also receive vouchers and pens.

With your entry, please include your name and address, telephone number, age, school attended and title of your story/article.
Entries should be submitted by 31 July 2026 to: Eileen Bamber, 31 Broughton Lane, Wistaston, or by email to eileen@bamberuk.com

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The Winter Editorial continues with a reminder that we need your help to choose our and your 2025 Wistonian of the Year.

Wistonian of the year

The award of Wistonian of the Year has been made for over 40 years now and has been given to many active and helpful volunteers and residents of our wonderful community.
Each year in December we ask through the Roundabout magazine and through our Facebook page for nominations for the award from any organisation, group or individual in, or associated with, Wistaston. Nominations are then considered by Wistaston Community Events selection committee and the award is made at our AGM in January

The winner of the award has usually contributed to village life over several years or has recently done something that is notably worthy and deserving of recognition. The award is then given for one year and the winner receives a commemorative shield to keep. During the year the Wistonian of the Year is then invited to take part in the Wistaston Community village events and may well be involved in other events in Wistaston. We hope that the award and taking part in village events is fun and while not too onerous does help recognise the individual's contributiuon and the wider activities in Wistaston.

If you know of someone who has helped and contributed to our community and should be recognised for this, then please nominate them by completing this form and sending it to arrive by 4th January 2025 with a summary of the nominee's achievements to Wistaston Community Events 148 Sandylands Park, Wistaston CW2 8HE or email woty@ wistastoncommunity.co.uk

We, the undersigned nominate:

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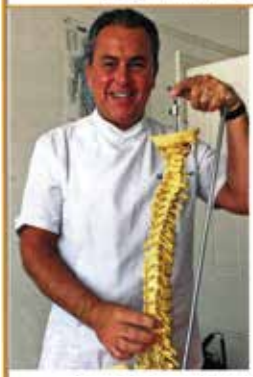
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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

1. Police Matters

Following our last report, we were pleased to receive our Beat Sergeant and PCSO at our recent Parish meeting. An update on actions included parking issues around Church Lane School, speeding enforcement in two of our well-used parish roads, and patrols across Joey the Swan. Residents have reported criminal damage,vandalism, obstruction of the badger setts and neighbour disputes. These remain a community priority. To support their police work, residents are asked to report any criminal activity using the telephone number 101.
Number of crimes reported:20
Number of Anti-Social Behaviour incidents: 8.

2. Budgets

We will start our budget planning process in November for next year's plan. Whilst cost pressures are evident, we will continue to target support for our community groups as far as possible. A further report will be included in the Spring Roundabout.

3. Speedwatch

One of our Councillors has offered to lead a Speedwatch team. Already trained, contact has been made with other parish teams to plan a joint team effort. Volunteers are required for our own Wistaston parish team, please inform our Clerk of your interest. If in need of a discussion or more information, arrangements will be made by our clerk. Training and equipment will be provided.

Meeting Dates.
Wistaston Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston at 7.30pm
18th December 2025; 15th January 2026; 19th February 2026; 19th March 2026; Annual Parish Meeting 16th April 2026 at 8pm.

J. Moore, Chairman

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Wistaston Swans WI

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

Recent Speaker topics at the main meetings have included: Health and Nutrition, Forensic Handwriting, Fitness, Gardening for Wildlife, Family History research, The Cheshire Roll of Honour Project.

Trips have been arranged to Flight Club in Liverpool, Gardens, Cinema, Opera, and meals out. Some of our members recently attended an entertaining talk by Lady Dodd at Nantwich Football Club which was arranged by our 'Malbank' WI's Group.

We have two teams entered in the Cheshire Federation Darts Tournament, we also have a team entered in the Cheshire Federation Bowls Tournament.

Each year members choose a charity to support and this year our chosen charity is Canine Partners Assistance Dogs. In July we held a Race Night to raise funds which was great fun, with the pig race being a highlight! The evening raised £288 for the charity to which we will be adding funds throughout the current membership year. Members of our Hooks and Needles subgroup regularly donate baby hats etc. to Leighton Hospital.

This year, we took part in the Earthwatch Great UK Waterblitz and the Rivers Trust Big River Watch testing the water quality in our local streams.

Members had some success in the Wistaston Flower and Produce Show this year.



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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday 5th December 6pm

St Mary's Church Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston

This year we welcome the
Wells Green Church Choir, The Wistaston Singers, The Salis Singers (close harmony group) and the fabulous Swinging woodpeckers. We are very lucky to have a dance performance from Discover Dance.
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Wistaston Flower Club

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

What a Season we are having - 2025 has been full of enthusiastic demonstrators with their own initiative ideas on Flower Arranging. Some traditional and some up there with the times using foam free ideas to display flowers in the most spectacular way.

We are never disappointed with our demonstrators who travel quite a distance to visit Wistaston and bring us all an afternoon of joy and laughter with their varying stories of their lives and experiences.







October saw Dorothy Monks who hadn't travelled far at all, being a demonstrator from Holmes Chapel, with her demonstration entitled 'As you Like It' – including a wonderful foam free design using beautiful red gerbera on a silver background.

In November we held our annual luncheon which this year was at the Acacia Suite in Willaston.

In December we are being entertained by Linda Hardman from Clitheroe with her Christmas demonstration called 'Don't Get Your Tinsel in a Tangle'. I'm sure this demonstration will get us all set up for Christmas and spark some ideas for our own arrangements over the Festive Season. As a Club we are also holding a Workshop for our members - Friday 5 December.

We have a very interesting programme for 2026 organised and would welcome any new members.

Our AGM takes place on Wednesday 4th February 2026 followed by a flower demonstrationby Jane Cowan with "Signs of Spring".

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

'Wistaston Flower club would like to wish our members a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year for 2026'



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Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club celebrates record-breaking year with nine League trophies!

Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club (WJTC), whose two courts are tucked behind Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre on Church Lane, is celebrating its most successful season ever after sweeping an incredible nine trophies in the Slazenger South & Mid Cheshire Tennis League competitions.

The silverware was proudly collected at the League's annual 'John White Presentation Day', renamed in honour of former League Secretary John White, who dedicated over 30 years of service to the sport.

This remarkable achievement marks a historic year for WJTC, whose teams triumphed across all divisions and formats.

Adding to the celebrations, long-serving Club Chairman Bill Heath was honoured with the Cheshire Tennis 'Unsung Hero of the Year 2024' award, recognising his decades of commitment to both the club and the wider tennis community.

WJTC offers tennis for all ages and abilities, including junior coaching, social mix-in sessions, internal tournaments, and competitive league play – ensuring there's something for everyone who loves the game.

For more information, visit the club's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/WJtennisclub or call 01270 560471.

Jonathan White

Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

For Wistaston Village Cricket Club, 2025 witnessed a season governed by the driest weather experienced in numerous years, which did place strain on the pitches owing to the lack of rain. Praise is due to our diligent ground staff for their steadfast commitment to ensuring the cricket club and visiting teams were granted the chance to relish the game they play.

Our teams experienced a season of mixed fortunes for our senior and junior sides. Our First Eleven playing in the strong Cheshire Cricket League Division 3 enjoyed a productive season and from their **twenty-two fixtures** attained **eleven** victories and **eleven** defeats, ending the season with a total of **217 points** in **6th position,** which compared with the previous season's tally of **186 points,** was encouraging.

The Second Eleven.:- competing in the **North Stafford South Cheshire Premier Cricket League Division 8** also had a challenging season. In a league of just nine other clubs, a season's final total of **six victories** and **twelve defeats** from their **eighteen** fixtures accumulated a total of **185 points,** but unfortunately resulted in the team finishing in bottom position.

The Third Eleven, competing in the **Stone and District Cricket League Section B North,** by contrast had a successful season, competing against nine other clubs and finishing in **4th position,** with a record of **five victories, six defeats, two drawn matches and one no result, accumulating 190 points.**

The Swans XI: The ladies' team **"The Swans"** competing in **Division 4 (West) of the Cheshire Women's Cricket League** enjoyed a productive season. From their twelve fixtures, they finished in fourth position. Their playing record:**Played 12, Won 5, Lost 6, Abandoned 1. Points 174.**

Women's Softball League. The ladies' softball team competing in the **Cheshire Women's Cricket League Division5 South 1** have had a perhaps demanding season, ending bottom of their table with a playing record of **7 losses and one abandoned game.** To their credit, two of their matches were very close, which,had they been won, would have placed them in a higher final league position.

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

Under 9's:- The under **9's** finished their playing season having had a positive campaign finishing with a final league position of **7th** out of a league containing **18** teams. The play was very competitive which reflected in the final points standing. **Final table: Played-13 Won 8 Lost 4 Conceded 1 Points 104**

Under 11's: Our under **11's** completed a demanding season and finished the season in **10th** position out of **15** teams**. Final table:- Played 12, Won 5, Lost 4, Conceded 3, Points 65.**

Under 13's: Our under **13's** completed their season attaining **fifth** position out of **14 teams** in their league. In what could be considered a demanding season, from thirteen fixtures they attained 8 wins,lost 4 matches and had 1 fixture tied, finishing with a points total of **110.**

Winter Nets: to be confirmed

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Senior Cricket Awards 2025: Men's 1st XI: Bowling. Pasindu Sampath. Batsman Pasindu Sampath. Player of the Year. Pasindu Sampath.

Men's 2nd XI: Bowling. Tristan King. Batsman. Will Stokes.

Men's 3rd XI:- Bowling. Stirling Marsh. Batting. Josh Adam. Player's Player. Gary Hazeldene.

Captain's Special Award: Josh Adams. Will Stokes.

Ladies Hardball: Bowling. Kirsty Walley. Batting. Amy Bourne. Player's Player of the Year. Nic Jones. Captain's Player. Kirsty Walley.

Ladies Softball: Bowling. Lauren Simms. Batting. Amy Bourne. Player's Player. Tapiswar Sabarwal. Captain's Player. Nicola Jones.

Junior Awards 2025. The following awards were earlier made to our up-and-coming youth players, the future of our cricket club.

Under 9s Bowling: Freddie Barlow, Freddie Bowker. Batting: Freddie Barlow, Ayaan Bailey, Will I'Anson. Special Recognition: Freddie Barlow, Freddie Bowker. Most Improved: Amelia Hughes. Player of the Year: Lily Townsend.

Under 11s Bowling: Amelia Hughes. Batting: Louie Townsend. Most Improved: Ernie Pointon. Parent's Player of the Year: Evan Hazeldine. Player of the Year - Evan Hazeldine. **Under 13's** Bowling: Evan Hazeldine. Batting: Sam Hough. Most Improved: Henry Wrighton. Parent's Player of the Year:Sam Hough.

C**hair Awards Junior Contribution to Senior Cricket:** Dexter Massey. Howard West Trophy for the **Most Improved:** Henry Springthorpe. Club Member of the Year: Billy Ridgeway. **Congratulations to you all.**

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

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.** Bingo evenings are an event where all of our 'regulars' who attend can have an enjoyable evening. It would also offer the opportunity for anybody within the village who may have considered attending for the first time, to take that important first step. A friendly welcome is guaranteed.

On a personal note, I have been engaged in cricket as a player and administrator for well over sixty years and I have experienced conversing with many individuals who contemplated commencing or recommencing playing cricket but did not take that pivotal step as they felt inadequate and subsequently regretted that decision.

If one feels uncertain due to self-doubt, contact the cricket club to allay your concerns. We offer cricket to adults and juniors of all standards and are proud of being very much a child-friendly **club** and we have been **re-credited** with the **E.C.B Club Mark originally awarded in May 2005**. Interested in joining W.V.C.C? Please contact **Kevin Jobbins: - Tel 483494** in the first instance.

If any of our readers would like to become social **members** of the cricket club, the cost is **£5.** All new members would be most welcome and it would offer you a chance to introduce yourself to our cricket club and the wide range of opportunities that we offer for both adults and especially for children, who have an interest in playing cricket.

John Avery 'Zusammen' 13 Lear Drive, Wistaston Tel 0781 7082678

Wistaston Conservation Group

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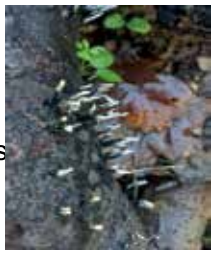
A Walk on the Wildside

Have you ever considered a **fungi hunt**, when out and about in our local parks and green spaces?





Fungi come in many shapes, sizes and guises so are a fantastic source for an outdoor game during the autumn and winter months. A fungi hunt is a game to play alone or with others, involving a walk on the wild side; a keen eye; a sense of curiosity; close observational skills and new learning and, ultimately, a game that will reap the player all the health benefits the great outdoors offers. Above all, it is completely free!



Taking a walk through the open spaces and along wood ways, look down and around, in and amongst leaf litter, blades of grass, soil, rotting wood, tree stumps and healthy trunks, even the branches that edge the walkways. You'll be amazed at the wide variety of fungal finds: from parasols to parachutes, boletes to brackets, polypores to puffballs. Once spotted, the search continues for the next fungal find. For those with an interest in learning more, note the shape, size, colouration, texture and features of each fungus as well as its habitat. Taking a photo can help to later identify each fungus found.



Local to Wistaston and Joey the Swan, Chicken in the Woods, Dryad's Saddle, Turkeytail, Shaggy Milkcap, Scarlet Elfcup and Jelly Ear are a few of the hundreds of fungi that can be found in the UK. Each new walk offers up the opportunity for a new fungal find as they quietly appear, then disappear or age and change. You'll soon discover that fungi are 'fun guys' to spot.

As many varietiesof fungus are poisonous, it is strongly advised not to forage your finds but to leave them for someone else to enjoy spotting as they take a walk on the wild side in Wistaston.

Useful identification websites: Woodland Trust; WildfoodUK

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Pathway to Joey

Even after a short period of wet weather the grassland to the north of the old model railway site near to Beech Drive becomes what can only be described as a quagmire. People who are unfamiliar with it start walking, then without any warning become ankle deep in mud.
Not a pleasant situation to be in.
As a consequence the red shale pathway to the south of the railway site was being heavily used as people avoided the flooded area.
We decided to construct another path through the middle of the railway site to assist in travelling from Beech Drive car park to link up with paths leading to Valley Road and the children's playground.
We marked out the path using fallen branches fastened in place with wooden stakes and wood chippings left from a decayed oak tree that had been felled to give a thick layer to walk on. We hope this will allow visitors to enjoy even more of our woodland surroundings in comfort and safety.





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.

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Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre



It is with deep sadness that we have to report the death of Charles 'John' Cooke, 22nd August 1932 to 1st October 2025. John served his community for over 40 years as a Trustee of Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre. He joined the hall committee in April 1981 representing Rope Parish Council and retired in March 2023. During his time he held posts as Vice Chairman, Correspondence Secretary, Secretary, Honorary Secretary, Vice President and President. John did everything with professionalism and calm. On his funeral obituary it stated 'The secret to a long life – don't let the grass grow under your feet', John certainly didn't when it came to our Community Hall.

The 76th Remembrance Service which was held on the 9th of November was well attended, and sincere thanks goes out to all involved. Finally, thank you to all our Hirers of the Hall, for all your support this year and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Rebuild Update

The Community Consultation on the proposed new Hall plans closed on 12th September 2025. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback at our Open Day sessions, via completing the comment forms or by emailing the project team. We received a total of 45 comment forms. All feedback was collated, reviewed and 11 changes to the plans agreed. We will be contacting everyone who asked us to get back to them on their suggestions to let them know if their ideas have been accepted as part of the revised plans or if not why.

One of your biggest concerns is the current location of the entrance and exit to the car park. This we discussed with our architect and agreed swapping them would be beneficial. A suggestion from a local resident on Church Lane"Maybe some feature such as the Swan could be incorporated into the facade to make it feel unique to the area" we thought was a lovely idea and have implemented a change to the plans to show a Swan etched into the front façade glass.

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Our architect Clive Tucker from Bower Edleston implemented the changes and we received the revised and hopefully final plans on October 28th 2025. A review of the plans is underway with the Hall Trustees, Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club and Wistaston Memorial Hall Bowling Club.
Once this is completed our architect will submit the planning application for the new Hall to Cheshire East planning, a major milestone reached!
For latest news on the project visit the Rebuild Project page on our website.
If you would be interested in being involved in either the day to day running of the Memorial Hall or the Rebuild project, we would love to hear from you. Contactus@wistastonmemorialhall.uk



Wistaston's Service of Remembrance 2025 was held once again in the Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre on Church Lane and was filled to near capacity on Sunday 9th November 2025 for the 76th Annual Service of Remembrance, as the local community gathered to honour those who gave their lives in service of their country.

Wistaston Memorial Hall itself stands as a lasting tribute, having been built in the shape of a cross over seventy-five years ago in memory of the sixteen men from Wistaston who lost their lives in the Second World War. The Hall was officially opened by the Hon. Lady Barlow, Chairman of the Cheshire Rural Community Council, on 26th March 1949.

This year's Service was organised by Diane Edge-Robinson, Co-Chair of Wistaston Memorial Hall, with the support of Trustees, and opened by Co-Chair Diane Houston.

A guard of honour was provided by Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the 35th South West Cheshire (Wistaston) Scout Group, who proudly welcomed Wistaston Parish Councillors, dignitaries, and members of the congregation. The Service of Remembrance was led by Revd. Mike Turnbull (St Mary's Wistaston), Malcolm Crook (Wells Green Methodist Church) and Fr. Oliver Barry (Oblate Retreat Centre, Wistaston).
A highlight of the Service was a heartfelt address by 101-year-old Peter Taylor, who shared his remarkable life story — from his early days as a Cub Scout to his wartime service as a Wireless Operator on Liberator bombers in the RAF. Peter, who was born in 1924 and has lived in Crewe since childhood, also spoke movingly of his late wife, Peggie, to whom he was married for over 75 years.

The Wells Green Church choir, led by musical director Myra Wood, accompanied the hymns and music throughout the service.

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John Moore (Wistaston Parish Council) read the Bible reading, Sue Jones (Rope Parish Council) read a poignant poem by an Unknown Soldier, while Barbara Brereton respectfully read the names of the sixteen Wistaston men who perished during the Second World War.

As part of the Act of Remembrance, poppy wreaths were placed outside at the front of the Hall by Eileen Bamber, Hall President and a representative from Cheshire Constabulary. Steven Edge-Robinson placed a wooden cross in memory of Lieutenant Commander Roy Berryman Edwards DSO, sent by his daughter Mrs Sylvia Hammond from Kent.

Jack Gresty performed a stirring rendition of The Last Post and Reveille. His great uncle, Radio Officer Derek Aubrey Gresty, lost his life at Bari, Italy, on 3rd May 1944, aged just 24.



A beautiful bespoke poppy arrangement was created by Judy Gratton, Trustee and Chairperson of Wistaston Flower Club, featuring silk poppies in a Hogarth curve mounted on a black Stand.

Proceeds from the Service collection will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

The Service concluded with a united singing of the National Anthem, bringing the community together in a shared moment of reflection and gratitude. The programme for the Service featured a photograph of John Cooke, former President of the Hall and Trustee for over 40 years, who passed away earlier this year.

Diane Edge-Robinson, Co-Chair of Wistaston Memorial Hall, said:

"Each year, our Service of Remembrance brings together people of all ages to reflect, remember, and give thanks for the courage and sacrifice of those who came before us. It is deeply moving to see our community continue to honour their memory with such respect and unity within this Hall, which itself stands as a memorial to their lives."



For further information about Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre, please visit:
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With thanks to Jonathan White for narrative and photos of the Remembrance service.

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Christmas Celebrations at Wells Green Methodist Church

Sunday 21 December, 10.30am	Carols
Sunday 21 December, 4.00pm	Carols with the Choir
Monday 22 December, 4.30pm	Carols at Wistaston Brook Estate
Wednesday 24 December, 4.00pm	Christingle and Nativity
Christmas Day, 10.30am	Family Celebration
Sunday 28 December, 10.30am	No Service at Wells Green, but worship at Shavington.

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Nature Article

July and wrens nested for the first time in our domed box attached to house, with regular feeding of chicks. One fledgling failed to survive, but a second continued to be fed. Suddenly no birds any more and nothing but leaves in box when later cleaned out. We'd hoped the wrens would produce a second brood – a clutch capable of supporting three to five eggs, white spotted reddy-brown – but no such luck.

Insectwise at this time, July's butterfly, the gatekeeper, appeared mid month.

In late August Joyce and Andrew Booth heard at least two tawny owls calling in the vicinity of Freshfields, Salander Crescent and Meadow Drive. We have not heard owls for years.
Young magpies (no blue wing-patch) were hopping around us July-August, but our most exciting find at this time was a jay in neighbouring bushes. Speaking of blue wings, Hilary's first glimpse of a jay was as a child, when walking with father on the Cholmondeley estate: this bird dead, but lying on its side, revealing that brilliant blue wing-patch. The image returns every time Hilary sees a jay! How childhood memories endure.

September and squirrels grabbing acorns dropping from oaks across from us, frantically digging holes in the lawn, to bury the fruit for a winter cache. Jackdaws are more interested in the acorns than the suet balls kindly hung up for them. Gatherings of starlings on rooftops are becoming noticeable as they prepare for the roost, with incessant chattering. Our once common goldfinches and tits are barely making an appearance, which is worrying. Let's see what our winter feeding survey produces. Early in the month a solitary buzzard, soaring high and mewing, at last pleased Trevor who was concerned over their absence. Mid-month and our first sight of a skein of geese (unidentified) flying over 'Sandylands' in their 'V' formation.

Amusing has been a young magpie nipping a squirrel's tail, to try to distract it from its food. Once the squirrel's head swung round bird jumped back, avoiding what might have been some pain-inflicting jaws.

Our thanks to all contributors.

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Crewe Concert Band held An Afternoon of Remembrance on Saturday 8th November 2025 at Wistaston Memorial Hall, Church Lane (CW2 8ER).



The performance honoured the service and sacrifices made by members of the British and Commonwealth Armed Forces, past and present.

The concert focused on stirring British-themed music, with a nod to the music and spirit of the United States. All proceeds from the concert will be donated to The Royal British Legion – Crewe Branch, which provides lifelong support to serving and ex-serving members of the British Armed Forces and their families.
The concert was conducted by Musical Director Adam Shilton, himself a military veteran having served with the Cheshire Regiment in the Middle East.
For more information, visit Crewe Concert Band on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/cwecb or email creweconcertband@gmail.com. You can also join the Friends of Crewe Concert Band by filling in this simple form: https://forms.gle/SzgDbybpTHxggq1Q8
With thanks to Jonathan White for the above

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Movies with a message on the Big Screen @ Wells Green January - March 2026

We are delighted to present another season of films that raise moral, social, political and spiritual questions. Our licence does not permit us to publicise the titles of these movies (short of a prohibitive fee) but here are the three remaining dates:
Sundays: 18 January; 15 February; 15 March
All movies start at 2.30pm. There is no charge for admission but a donation can be made. Wells Green Methodist Church is situated just off the junction of Brookland Avenue with the Crewe Road. For further information please contact Malcolm Crook at m.h.crook@keele.ac.uk

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Wistaston Gardeners Society

Monthly meetings are held at Wistaston Memorial Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting at 7.30pm.
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Hundreds enjoy annual Wistaston fireworks display



The annual Wistaston Fireworks Display took place on Saturday 1st November 2025 at the Eric Swan Sports Ground/Brittles Pavilion off Church Lane, behind Wistaston Church Lane Academy.

The event was organised by the Wistaston Community events team and supported by Wistaston Parish Council. Entry was by donation with all profits going to local good causes.
There was candy floss and also light up toys to purchase from the team at Wistaston events; hot dogs and drinks were served by 35th South West Cheshire (Wistaston) Scout Group.

The results of the children's best dressed competition, judged by Kate Blakemore, this year's Wistonian of the Year, and Poppy Edge, this year's Wistaston Rose Queen, were:

1st t, 2nd and 3rd - Hudson; Albie, Evalyn.

Pumpkins - 1st, 2nd, 3rd - Autumn, Esme, Tamara.

The fireworks display was set up and operated by Black Lab Events and Fireworks, who produced a wonderful 15-minute display of over 120 fire-works.
The Caddick Construction team, who are currently building the Crewe Youth Zone, worked with their supplier Alpine Hire (Warrington) to loan and install temporary lighting to improve access to the Brittles for the event.
The event was enjoyed by several hundred people during a dry autumnal evening. All the volunteers were thanked and everyone who supported this event.
The Wistaston Community events team always welcomes local residents to come to their friendly monthly meetings and help them organise their five annual Wistaston village events, including next month's Christmas Concert on Friday 5th December, 6pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston.

With thanks to Jonathan White

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Wistaston Community News and Events
Flower and Produce Show – Saturday 15 August 2026
SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

SECTION F: FLOWER CLASSES

F1. Bowl of Sweet Peas, mixed colours, 10 stems minimum
F2. A specimen Rose in a vase
F3. A single Gladioli, any variety or varieties
F4. Three Pom Pom Dahlias, any variety or varieties
F5. Three Cactus or Semi Cactus Dahlias, any variety or varieties
F6. Three Decorative Dahlias, any variety of varieties
F7. A Single Stem of any Flowering Plant (not in schedule) in a Vase
F8. A Single Geranium Head in a Vase
F9. Six French Marigolds, any variety of varieties
F10. A Shallow Bowl of Floating Flower Heads, arranged for effect
F11. A Vase of Mixed Flowers, home grown
F12. A Cactus or Succulent
F13. A Geranium in a Pot (with a saucer)
F14. A Begonia in a Pot (with a saucer)
F15. Flowering Plant in a Pot (with a saucer) excluding plants from Classes F13/14/17/18
F16. A Foliage Plant in a Pot (with a saucer)
F17. Six Fuchsia Heads on a board
F18. A Fuchsia in a Pot (up to 15cm, with a saucer), any variety
F19. Alpine Garden 25cm x 25cm maximum

SECTION V: VEGETABLE CLASSES

V1. A Vegetable not on schedule (please specify on entry form and label exhibit)
V2. Five White Potatoes on a Plate, any variety
V3. Five Coloured Potatoes on a Plate, any variety
V4. Three Onions – roots shown, not to exceed 225 grams each (see rule 21)
V5. Six Carrots – tops trimmed to 8cm
V6. Nine Shallots – Large (over 30mm in diameter)
V7. Three Round Beetroot – tops trimmed to 8cm
V8. One Vegetable Marrow – with stalk
V9. One Cucumber – with stalk
V10. Five Ripe Tomatoes (not cherry variety) on a plate
V11. A Truss of Tomatoes (not cherry variety) – some ripe
V12. A Truss of a Named Variety of Cherry Tomatoes on a plate – some ripe
V13. Five Ripe Cherry Tomatoes on a plate – variety to be named
V14. Six Runner Beans – all with some stalk
V15. Six French Beans – all with some stalk
V16. Three Courgettes – each with some stalk
V17. A Single Pot of Three Different Herbs
V18. A Wonky Vegetable

SECTION D: WISTASTON PARISH COUNCIL VEGETABLE DISPLAY

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

SECTION B: HARVEST BASKET

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

SECTION A: FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS (Please read rule 20)

A1. "2026 Commonwealth Games"
A2. Arrangement in a Recycled/Reused Container– not to exceed 46cm in width and length; height unrestricted

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SECTION H: HOUSECRAFT CLASSES
-Please cover entries with transparent covering

H1. A Jar of Home Made Jam – cellophane/muslin covers only
H2. A jar of Home Made Marmalade – cellophane/muslin covers only
H3. A Jar of Home Made Chutney - cellophane/muslin covers only
H4. Three Pieces of Shortbread
H5. Three Square Flapjacks
H6. Three Jam Tarts
H7. A Plate of Three Chocolate Butterfly Cakes
H8. Three slices of a tray bake (to be named on plate)
H9. A Lemon Drizzle Cake baked in a loaf tin
H10. A Victoria Sponge Cake – Please read RULE 19 carefully for recipe
H11. Five Decorated Cup Cakes
H12. A Fruit Pie approx. 20cm in diameter, short crust pastry top and bottom, presented on a plate
H13. Three Cheese Scones
H14. A Quiche – approx. 20cm in diameter, presented on a plate

SECTION W: BEVERAGES

W1. Bottle of Home Made Fruit/Vegetable/Flower Alcoholic Drink (please name)
W2. Bottle of Home Made Fruit/Vegetable/Flower Non-Alcoholic Drink (please name)

SECTION Y: HOBBYCRAFTS (Please read Rule 18)

Y1. Any craft not on schedule (please specify on entry form)
Y2. A Knitted Toy
Y3. A Crochet Toy
Y4. Cross stitch
Y5. A Painting – own original work, A4 max size, unframed
Y6. A Decorated Plant Pot 10cm-15cm diameter pot
Y7. A Woodcraft item (please specify type and size on entry form)
Y8. A Homemade Garment (YARN), on a hanger if applicable (Please specify type on entry)
Y9. A Homemade Garment (FABRIC), on a hanger if applicable (Please specify type on entry)

SECTION C: CHILDREN'S CLASSES

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

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The report on the Wistaston Scout Group's (35th South West Cheshire) Summer Camp, with accompanying photographs.

Every year the group holds a week long summer camp attended by our scouts from 35th and explorers from Drake Explorer Unit who use our premises. This year the camp was held in a field on the outskirts of Criccieth, courtesy of a kind local farmer.The article has been jointly written by patrol leaders and their assistants.

We dragged ourselves out of bed at, must I say, a PAINFUL hour on Saturday morning tired but excited for the best week away. The hard work was setting up camp, including rows of tents and diners in perfect rows (perfect of course for Tom's pleasure). By evening, we were huddled around our altar fires after some intense wood collecting, stirring our camp curry, before rounding the day off with a peaceful walk along the beach. Tired but happy, we were ready for bed, ready for the best week of summer.

On Sunday we went for a walk. When we got back we were ready to go in the sea, I quite enjoyed that since the day was so hot! Back at camp we prepared to cook food and also witnessed the final of the women's Euros which was very exciting, since they won on penalties against Spain!



On Monday we did so many fun activities! We had a nice early morning wakeup for canyoning and mining. For the canyoning we had to go down a hill to get to the water, when we got to the water, we started by sliding on a slide into some water then on to a rope which led us to a zipline which was fun. For the mining, we had to go through a small hole to get in. When in, we abseiled and we adventured into the mines and even had to go through some knee-deep water!

The main event of Tuesday was rock climbing. It was really fun and everyone enjoyed it. My favourite part was probably the challenges we did towards the end. We finished the day off with mac and cheese and a fire. It made up for a slightly drizzly morning!

Watch out for our next edition when this exciting Summer Camp Report will be concluded.

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