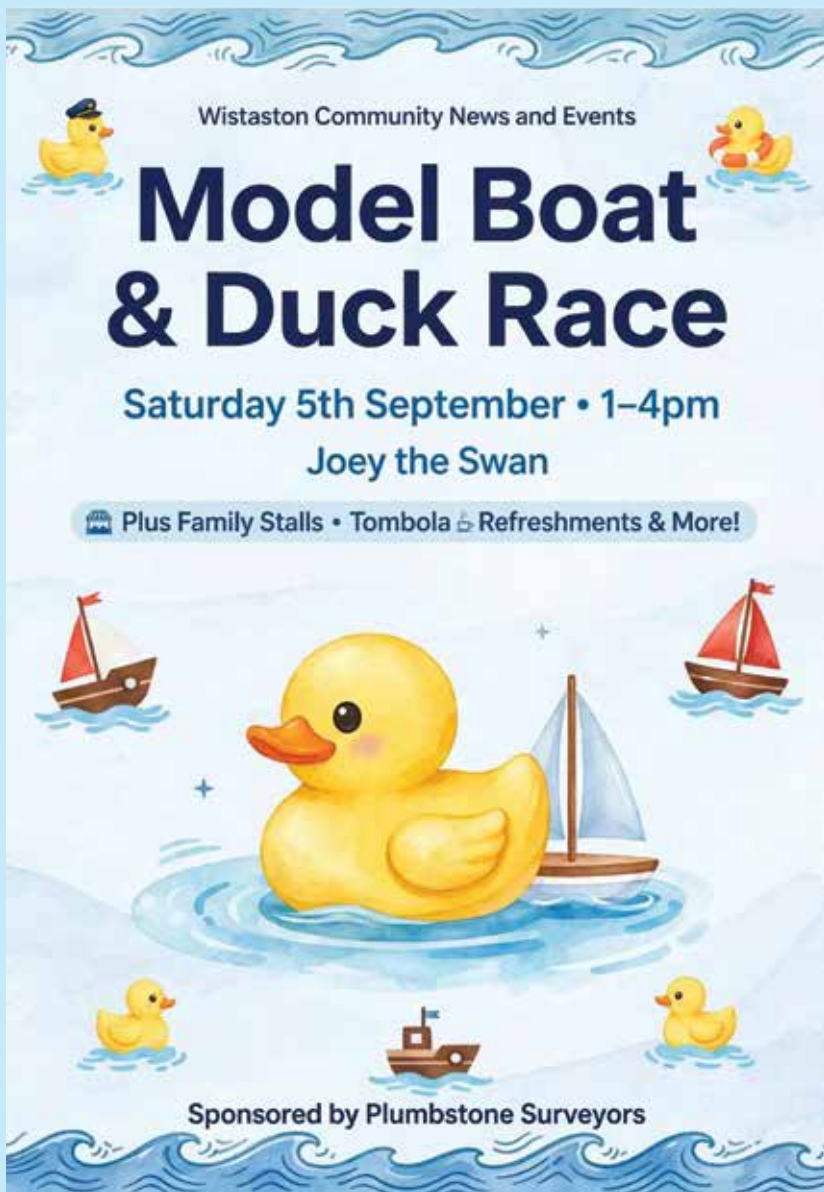




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EDITORIAL FOR AUTUMN 2026

Do hope you are enjoying our amazing weather - we have waited some time for a summer like this. However our poor fields etc have suffered. 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 Winter edition, due out in early December 2026, by the 15 October.

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Dates for your Diary 2026



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

Duck Race - Saturday 5 September 2026

Infant Loss Remembrance Service - at St Mary's, Sunday 11 October at 4pm

In partnership with Her-Place (her-place.co.uk)

Fireworks - Saturday 7 November 2026

Remembrance Sunday - 8 November 2026 - Memorial Hall

Christmas Concert - Friday 4 December 2026 - Church Hall

The Flower and Produce Show was a great success last Saturday. Lots of entries, lots of people and a great buzz about the place.

See you at the Duck Race Saturday 5 September
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Fireworks - 7 November - 5.30pm at The Brittles

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Wistaston Parish Council **Chairman's Report**

Wistaston in Bloom

On Monday 13th July 2026 two north-west judges from Britain in Bloom visited Wistaston and were welcomed by 2 councillors, the clerk, the park ranger and representatives from the Conservation Team, the Litter Pickers and the Wistaston in Bloom volunteer group. The judges toured the bowling green, viewed a variety of beds that have been prepared and looked after by both volunteers and contractors, visited a resident's garden and were shown the grounds at Joey the Swan. All areas were well received, and the judges gave good feedback during the visit. Special thanks go to the clerk for organising the day and to everybody that contributed to make this a successful visit.

Budgets

Shortly after recess, our council will start preparing for next year's budget. One item within this budget is a contribution to voluntary bodies. This is a small grant scheme used to award voluntary groups to support extra items to benefit members and residents. Our budget allocation is approximately £5000, 5% or 6% of our budget, and the number of voluntary groups is usually 6.

The council is considering a review of our process at its next meeting in September.

The main aim is to raise awareness, particularly for new groups in our parish, and have a policy that allocates grants fairly.

Our current policy is:

Organisations must operate within the parish, have a constitution, a bank account and produce annual accounts. Grants are intended for the benefit of members and residents within the parish

Council Co-Options

At our June meeting, we approved two co-option requests.

We welcomed Nim Devi and Roger Morris who have joined Wistaston Parish Council. Details are included in our Ward contact information.

Future meetings

17th September 2026, 15th October 2026, 19th November 2026 and 17th December 2026 all held at Wistaston Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston at 7.30pm

John Moore
Chairman

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

In July we celebrated our 5th birthday!

It all began with a query on the Wistaston Facebook during the Covid days, asking if there was a WI in the village. A small group got together on Zoom, and with the help of a WI advisor, the Wistaston Swans WI was formed. The inaugural meeting was planned, and we nervously waited with face masks and hand gel to see if anyone would turn up. Well they did, and the group currently has 78 members.



At our June Meeting, we welcomed a speaker from the Dorothy Clive Gardens, who told us about the history of the gardens and of its maintenance by a team of largely volunteers.

Our Darts subgroup meets regularly throughout the year for social darts and enter teams in the Cheshire WI tournament. We also have a Bowls team competing in the WI Bowls competitions.

The Potty about Plants subgroup is very popular, exchanging ideas and swapping plants. Recent topics included planning gardens for children and wildlife.

The Hooks and Needles subgroup meet at the Memorial Hall and have donated 20 blankets to Leighton Hospital neo natal unit.

The Book Club meets to discuss a different book each month, recently Blood Orange by Harriet Tyce and Five by Ilona Bannister.

The Walking Group meets up for regular planned local walks of varying duration.

In the coming months we look forward to welcoming Ruby Doodles for a flower arranging demonstration, Cheerbrook Farm, CWA (Cheshire without abuse), and are planning a 'craft safari' for December.

For more information on joining us email WistastonSwans@gmail.com

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In June we welcomed Jane Tully from Welshpool, with her title “Inspired by Ceramics”. Jane produced a wonderful display of arrangements linked to the pottery industry.

July brought a fabulous demonstration from Lynne Sharpe from Earl Shilton. She provided the wow factor with her designs “My Floral Gem”. Her final piece depicted our Blue Sapphire anniversary year. This was Lynne’s first visit to Wistaston and I am sure we will be seeing her again.

Nantwich Show took place on 29th July 2026 at Reaseheath College.

Together with Nantwich Flower Club we supported the Floral Art section, which this year was in the Garden Pavilion marquee with the Eggs section and the newly relaunched Horticulture area. There were flower demonstrations provided by Flower Clubs of Cheshire (Carol Baker and Ann Shevlin), Karen from Floren Design and Helen from Reaseheath Floristry Team.

There were successes in the Floral Art Competiton for Judy Gratton, Anne McNally and Wendy Wilson. Anne was also awarded the Peoples Choice for her “Let’s Disco. We also provided children’s activities of “Flower Arranging in a Tin” and creating “Dreamcatchers”. A massive thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Looking forward: in September we welcome Vanessa Wellock from Ilkley with “Splendours of Autumn”. Vanessa is a very experienced demonstrator and will no doubt be entertaining us with her flowers and stories, including her very colourful “Doc Martins”.

In October Sionedd Hughes from Oswestry returns with “One Born Every Minute”. Sionedd is a fabulous demonstrator and we look forward to hearing her tales from the farm.

Our final demonstration of the year is on 2nd December where we start the festive activities with “Christmas is Coming” by Andrew Key from Sleaford.

We have a friendly thriving Club where visitors are always warmly welcomed.

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

Floral arrangements

Lynne Sharpe's Blue Sapphire Arrangement - right.

Judy Gratton - Petite Handbag Below left.

Anne McNally - Let's Disco Below right



Wistaston Village Cricket Club

(Founded 1980)

By the time this latest editorial finds its way through your letterbox, the **2026** cricketing campaign would be approaching the last few weeks of the cricket club's playing season. It again begs the question where does the time go since my last editorial.

Our **First XI** competing in **The Cheshire Cricket League Division 3**, have at the time of compiling this latest editorial, completed eleven of their matches for their current programme and are holding a comfortable 3rd place position in the league, having won **seven** of those fixtures to date and attaining a total average of **11.64** points a game. There are opportunities to advance up their league before the end of the playing season.

Our **Second XI** competing in **The North Stafford South Cheshire Premier Cricket League Division 8** have had a mixed season so far, attaining **4th** position in their league table. From their opening **fourteen** fixtures they have managed **five** victories with 2 drawn matches and one fixture with one no result. **So far they have accrued a total of 190 points.**

Our **Third XI** competing in **The Stone and District Cricket League Section B North, 2026**, have from their opening four fixtures accrued **59 points** in a closely fought league. There is still a lot of cricket to be played before the end of the season and it is realistic they could be vying for a far higher position in their league.

Our ladies "**The Swans**", competing in **Division 7 South 2026 - 2026 of Women's Softball League** in the **Cheshire Women's Cricket League** are experiencing a demanding season participating in their respective league. From the **11** matches they have achieved **one** victory, but it is true to say that some of their fixtures have been very close.

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

Under 9's

Our **Under 9's** are conducting their campaign very well and at the time of this editorial they hold a **mid table position** with **74 points** from their opening **ten fixtures** in a league that houses **15 teams**. At the time of this editorial, the youngsters have won **six** of their opening **ten** games and have the opportunity of advancing further in the table.

Under 11's

Our **Under 11's** currently hold a **position 13** with **32 points** from their opening **eight fixtures** in a league containing **16 clubs**, but they are fortunate to have several matches in hand and could easily venture further up their league.

Under 15's

The **Under 15's** have played **five fixtures** in a very competitive league and have accrued **19 Points**, and hold **10th position**. With games in hand they will be hoping to gain a higher position, by the end of the playing season.

Our junior playing teams are the future of our cricket club.

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www.creweguardian.co.uk/sport

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.

Wistaston Cricket Club continues their search for players for the current cricket season, not only to promote but further improve on the great progress achieved over past seasons. As mentioned on many occasions we offer cricket to adults and juniors of ALL STANDARDS therefore if you are interested in joining our cricket club please contact Kevin Jobbins: Tel: 483494.

The cricket club holds Bingo evenings every **third Friday** of each month at the **Wistaston pavilion lounge** to raise funds for the cricket club and a warm welcome is extended to anyone wishing to join us. Following the summer break, bingo evenings will re-commence on **Friday 18th September 2025 at The Brittles**. For more details of our Bingo evenings please contact either **Kevin or Pauline Jobbins (483494)**.

It would be good for our regulars to re-ignite their interest, after a break of three months since our last bingo evening. It would equally offer the opportunity for anybody within the village who may have thought about attending for the first time, to take that important first step. A friendly welcome is guaranteed.

We offer cricket to adults and junior of all standards and we are proud on being very much a child friendly club and we have been re-credited with the **E.C.B Club Mark originally awarded in May 2005**. Interested in joining W.V.C.C? Please contact **Kevin Jobbins: - Tel 483494**.

If any of our readers of **Roundabout** 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.

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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Wistaston Conservation Group

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Oak Trees Don't Die of Old Age, True or False. Following the recent demise of the 'Major Oak' in Sherwood Forest, there has been some discussion of how Oak trees like those at Joey the Swan seem to live **forever**, but that is not the full story.

That they do not die of "old age" is biologically true, meaning their bodies do not have a built-in countdown clock like humans or animals do. In science, this is called negligible senescence. It's a scientific term for biological immortality—the ability of an **organism** to defy the normal rules of ageing. It means that an oak tree's cells do not automatically get weaker or stop working just because centuries have passed. In theory, if an oak tree lived in a perfect world with zero dangers, it could keep growing forever.

However, living for 500 years makes a tree a massive target. As an oak tree grows larger and older, its huge size becomes its biggest weakness. It requires huge amounts of energy to pump water hundreds of feet into the air and support branches weighing tons.

Eventually, a long life catches up to the tree through external forces rather than internal ageing:

- **Fungal Infections:** Fungi get inside the trunk and slowly **rot** the wood from the inside out.
- **Severe Weather:** Heavy storms, lightning strikes, or high winds can snap their weakened, heavy branches, making them prone to disease.
- **Pest Attacks:** Millions of insects can overwhelm the tree's ageing defence systems.
- **Drought:** Extended periods without rain make it impossible for the giant tree to stay hydrated.
- **Soil Compaction:** Movement of people above a tree's root system, which can typically stretch horizontally two to three times the width of its canopy, **makes** the soil so dense that rainwater and nutrients cannot enter the tree's system and the tree will eventually starve.

So, while time itself does not kill an oak tree, the physical challenges of being old and a giant eventually do. But rest assured that most of the Oaks at Joey the Swan are relatively young and have many years ahead of them.

Wistaston Pond On occasion, when we have been working around the small pond situated at Joey the Swan across the road from Wistaston Hall, people sometimes ask what happened to the very large pond shown in old photographs of Wistaston. To answer this, we thought it would be a good idea to explain the history and transformation of this local landmark.

The historic pond opposite **Wistaston Hall**, located at the junction of **Church Lane** and **Broughton Lane**, was eventually filled in and transformed into what is known today as the **Joey the Swan** recreation ground.

The History and Transformation

Originally dug out around 1870, the large pond served as a fish pool or "stew". The excavated soil was thrown up to build the front lawn of Wistaston Hall, supported by a "clinker" retaining wall that remains in place today. By the 1930s, the large pond sat prominently in the foreground of the Hall's lawns, separated from Church Lane by iron railings to prevent children from falling into the deep water.

The pond became famous as the home of an adult male cob swan. After his mate died, local villagers adopted him and named him "Joey". Despite his local fame, he was highly territorial and notorious for viciously pecking passers-by. He would often visit the hall to be given bread when deliveries were made. Tragically, his local reign ended when he was accidentally run over by a reversing delivery van.

As time moved on, the pond was filled in to eliminate safety hazards and create the open parkland we see today. This land was later generously donated to the people of Wistaston by the **Fathers of the Oblate Mission**, who acquired Wistaston Hall in 1943.

The Site Today

The area where the water once lay is now a core part of the **Joey the Swan recreation park**. While the exact historic open-water pond is gone, its legacy lives on through the smaller pond mentioned at the beginning of this article. The namesake swan remains a central icon for the community, featured on the official emblems for the **Wistaston Parish Council**, local schools, and sports clubs.

Meanwhile, Wistaston Brook continues to flow nearby, maintaining a natural green corridor through the valley.

Photo of the Joey the Swan recreation park showing a mature *Oak Tree*.



If anyone would care to meet us to discuss what we do or to suggest ideas for future projects, we can usually be found in the ‘Joey the Swan’ area on Monday mornings, after 9.30 am. 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

General Update

Many thanks to everyone who came along to see us at the Village Fete in June. We had a fantastic time enjoying the sunshine, chatting to so many of you, and hosting our World Cup-themed quizzes. [Congratulations](#) to everyone who won prizes for their football and Disney knowledge and well done to all the children who took part in the colouring competition!

Rebuild Update

At the time of writing, our planning application has been extended to 14th August while we complete a required bat survey. This is scheduled for July 21st and, once complete, we hope it will enable us to reach the important milestone of securing planning permission for the rebuild plans previously shared.

The project is now entering a crucial stage, and this is where the community can really make a difference. Our focus is turning to raising the funds needed to rebuild the Hall, and we'd love to hear from anyone who could help.

In particular, we are looking for people with experience in project management, financial planning or fundraising who may be willing to volunteer their skills to support the project. We have recently appointed quantity surveyors, who will provide us with detailed costings and help us plan the next stages of the rebuild.

We have events coming up to raise both funds and awareness at the Hall. The first is a Ceilidh hosted by the Scottish Dancing Society on 2nd October. It would be wonderful to see plenty of local support for what promises to be an enjoyable evening.

Whether you can donate your time, your skills or financial support, every contribution brings us one step closer to rebuilding our Memorial Hall for future generations. If you have fundraising ideas, would like to get involved, or would like to make a donation, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at contactus@wistastonmemorialhall.uk. *Thank you for supporting your Memorial Hall – together we're securing its future for generations to come.*

WISTASTON JUBILEE TENNIS CLUB

serves up its own taste of Wimbledon



Members of Wistaston Jubilee Tennis Club celebrated the excitement of the Wimbledon Championships in July by staging their own annual tournament on the club's newly resurfaced all-weather courts.

Held behind Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre on Church Lane, the event brought together 12 members for an evening of enjoyable yet competitive tennis in glorious summer sunshine. Organised by George Raiswell of GR Coaching, the tournament welcomed players of all abilities and has become a popular fixture in the club's calendar.

Away from the courts, members embraced one of Wimbledon's best-loved traditions by enjoying strawberries and cream, accompanied by homemade tennis-themed biscuits kindly provided by Sue Everett. Club members also thanked George for organising another successful event.

The tournament highlighted the club's impressive new facilities following a major investment earlier this year. Founded in 1977 to mark Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee, the club has served the local community for almost 50 years.

Both courts were recently resurfaced with modern all-weather astroturf after the club raised more than £42,000 through a successful Crowdfunder campaign, exceeding its original target and unlocking additional Sport England funding. Further improvements, including new perimeter fencing, are also planned.

The annual tournament provided a fitting local celebration of Wimbledon, the world's oldest and most prestigious tennis championship, famous for its grass courts, all-white dress code and strawberries and cream.

Thank you to Jonathan White for words and photos.



WISTASTON MEMORIAL HALL BOWLING CLUB

Midway through the season, many of our teams are sitting above mid-table in their respective competitive leagues, with the B Team currently occupying second place in Division 3 of the Holmes Chapel League.



Our annual President v Chairman Challenge Match, held in July, was well supported by club members, who enjoyed a series of competitive doubles matches throughout the afternoon. Once again, the Chairman emerged victorious, with his team winning by 75 shots to the President's 60.

The Bowling Club once again entered the 'Britian in Bloom' competition after achieving an 'Outstanding' standard in each of the previous two seasons.



As we head towards the end of another enjoyable season there is still plenty to look forward to! We have a number of exciting league matches remaining, together with a host of special events. These include the club's Annual Singles and Doubles Championships, the ever-popular Olympic Pairs competition and our friendly weekly Social Bowling sessions which continue to provide fun and enjoyment for bowlers of all abilities. To bring the season to a fitting close we'll round things off with our annual quiz.

New members are always welcome at the club and for further information please check out the website: www.wistastonbowling.club or contact the Club Secretary (Anne Vetter) 07933 570204. You can also find us on Facebook.



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

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

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NATURE ARTICLE

Spring is the season when cracked eggshells are found. We consider we have discovered woodpigeons' shells, pure white, and blackbirds' shells, turquoise blue dotted with brown. The only young seen this year, being fed, are those of blackbird, although juvenile robin, with its freckled breast, was a transient sight.

We rue the total absence of pied wagtail, its loss attributable, we have read, to the general cleaning up of agricultural land, with pesticides to deter the insects on which it feeds. The bird used to salvage grubs from our pavement, and we so miss the long bobbing tail and sharp 'tchizzik' (as spelt in books!). Compare the wagtail with jackdaw, say, where we appreciate the value of a varied diet: one of insects, worms, molluscs, fruit and cereals. The less specific the diet the more the chance of a successful existence.

Late May and two pairs of red damselflies mating simultaneously in our small pond, hooking in a heart-shape between head and tail, exactly as seen in wildlife documentaries.

Painted lady and red admiral were added to our butterfly list. However, at the same time, Joyce and Andrew Booth had three painted ladies and reckoned there were a lot about. One hummingbird hawkmoth and a second tiger moth (27.6.) concluded their report.

Dave O'Hara observed a red kite over the Bloor estate at 10.30 a.m., (2.6.), Then twenty minutes later over Joey the Swan. On 1st June Dulcie Knifton of Woodside Avenue photographed a sparrowhawk in her apple tree. The hawk had caught and was eating a blackbird fledgling and, despite frenzied attacks from the parents, rescue efforts were in vain. We are glad we didn't share the video Dulcie took, which she described as 'gruesome'.



Well spotted this year (no pun intended!) are ladybirds, aphid-feeding beetles, therefore useful, not just attractive.

The World Cup will be long over when this 'Roundabout' is published, but, whatever Belgium's fortunes, that supportive pigeon never wavered in its 'Lukaku oo oo, Lukaku oo oo'!

Our thanks to all contributors.

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New members are very welcome - please contact Brenda Farrall for further information on 01270 624649 or visit Club Web Site www.creweandnantwichramblingclub.org.uk/

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Monthly meetings are held at Wistaston Memorial Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting at 7.30pm.

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St Mary's

As our thoughts begin to turn towards autumn, we look forward as a church to celebrating Harvest and giving thanks for God's provision and goodness to us. At our Harvest service on Sunday 4 October at 10.40am at St Mary's, we will give thanks for all God's good gifts and for the many blessings we enjoy. As part of our celebrations, we would be very grateful to receive donations of dried and tinned food for Crewe and Nantwich Foodbanks and Chance Changing Lives. Your generosity will help support local people and families facing difficult times. If you would like any further information, please contact us at office@stmaryswistaston.org.uk or on 01270 567119.

Also, on the 11 October at 4pm, in partnership with Her-Place, we have our annual Infant Loss Remembrance Service at St Mary's; for more information about this please contact Her-Place (her-place.co.uk).

For all the latest news, events and information from St Mary's, please visit stmaryswistaston.org.uk.

With every blessing, Revd Mike



Students from Springfield.

An afternoon of music at Wells Green featured the Wells Green Choir and some of the students of Springfield School. The event was a huge success. It was organised by Myra Wood and raised £600 for Springfield School which was presented to the Head teacher, Laura Armitage. Wells Green has a longstanding relationship with the school helping to fund special projects there. Patricia Nott collated a display board showing the wide range of talents of the students at the school.

Christian Aid Week in Wistaston



In May, St Mary's and Wells Green were collecting for Christian Aid, the churches' relief and development agency. This year's focus was The Beacon of Hope, a project in Nairobi, Kenya, supporting urban farming through which people like Fridah, above, are given tools, seeds and the know-how to grow fruit and vegetables in tiny pockets of land on the edge of their city. This helps them to feed their families and maintain their independence. It's not just the plants that are flourishing ... With so many thanks to the generous Wistonians.

Willaston WI

Members have continued to enjoy some very interesting talks. These included Lisa Owens, who works for Cheshire East County Council and spoke about recycling in the county. Her talk was informative whilst also entertaining.

The following month Steve Booth gave a detailed history of the Staffordshire oatcake which is still enjoyed and still made in specialist shops in the Staffordshire Moorlands and Stoke on Trent.

In June we learnt the history of Crewe Park, how money was raised by local businesses and workers to provide this enjoyable space in the heart of an industrial town. Local volunteers now work to maintain the park and its history.

A coffee morning in St Luke's Church in Willaston raised over four hundred pounds for St Luke's Hospice. At our July meeting Mandy Shaw who works for the Hospice gave a talk on their work. This is far more extensive than many of us realised. President Jenny Hodkinson presented her with a cheque for the money raised.

Strawberries and cream, provided by Jennifer Jones were served and much enjoyed on a very warm evening.

In June a full coach travelled to Anglesey where we visited the hall where the first Women's Institute in England began over 100 years ago. After lunch we travelled on to Plas Newydd House and Gardens set in beautiful grounds on the Menai Strait. There has also been a visit to Rode Hall and shortly there will be one to the House of Commons.

Members also enjoy the opportunity to join in events organised by Cheshire Federation. Recently they have visited Jodrell Bank and enjoyed a Literary Lunch. Monthly pub lunches and book club meetings continue.

The main monthly meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at The Acacia Suite (The Masonic Hall) Willaston CW5 7ER at 7pm for the meeting to begin at 7.30pm. Visitors, potential new members are very welcome to attend on a try before you buy basis and can be sure of a warm welcome. If you would like more information see **Willaston WI Facebook or telephone Jenny Hodkinson on 07854 869325 or Brenda Taylor 07484 100456.**



Photograph of Wistaston's highly successful Flower and Produce Show held on Saturday 15 August, showing the participants and their trophies. There were over 350 entries in the show. A lovely afternoon.

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