Update from the Village Life Magazine Committee

As school breaks up for the year and our thoughts turn to our Summer holidays, just a few pointers to what lies ahead in the Autumn and beyond.

Although the playing field behind Stan's Superstore will remain in use for at least the next two years, this Autumn will see detailed planning start for the new recreation ground in Fach Lane. When the Rhosyllan Farm housing development starts, probably in Spring 2019, the land behind the farm will be transferred by the Brynkinalt Estate to the Parish Council. By that date we will need to have decided what facilities are wanted there. The detailed consultation process, involving all of the clubs and organisations in St Martins, will start in September, so watch for details as they are published. If you want to learn more about the new site and its potential, please drop in to the Centre on a Monday or Wednesday morning and I'll be happy to show you the outline plan there.

Also in September, there is an opportunity to quiz John Campion, the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, about his plans and aims for policing in our area. The first 30 minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 13th September (7pm at the Centre) will be set aside for Councillors and members of the public to listen to John Campion and to put questions to him. Hope to see you there.

Finally, you may have seen that the defibrillator at the Centre has been commissioned and is available for use by members of the public. Let us hope it is not required too often, but be thankful that it is there when it is needed!

Have a good Summer.

John Stevens (Chair of the Editorial Committee)

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Parish Council

From the Chair

You may have noticed the housing development sign near Rhosyllan Farm. Planning permission has been granted to Brynkinalt Estate and the good news for St Martins is that not only will we have housing developed to the South of our village, near St Martins School, but also that lain Hill-Trevor will give land freehold to St Martins Parish Council for the purpose of developing a Recreation Ground for St Martins. Your Parish Council will receive this land sometime in 2019. In the meantime we will be asking villagers their thoughts what should be on the new recreation area. Immediately we can think of a football pitch suitable for St Martins FC; a cricket pitch; a Multi Use Game Area (MUGA); a pavilion with changing rooms, and so forth. But we will be asking you later in the year just what do you want on the recreation ground. This is really excellent news for our village. Your Parish Council can draw on unclaimed Section 106 monies from Shropshire Council, but will need to match-fund the costs of development and continuing grounds maintenance. However, we are very hopeful we will succeed and that our village will have a modern recreation ground suitable for all our sports players.

Some other positives are that, despite the searing heat, our planters on lampposts and on the Memorial Ground have remained in flower longer than expected. We thank both Huw Manford and Brian Swain for their diligent watering efforts; they are both very much appreciated.

The fracas caused by Gledrid roundabout redevelopment is (hopefully) coming to an end. Some days it took 25 minutes to travel by car from 'wing-mirror bridge' by the sewerage works to Gledrid roundabout. The delay was caused by the cones being placed too far into the road funnelling all traffic into one lane. Overnight contactors sometimes put them back but mostly did not. This resulted in drivers forcing their cars into two narrow lanes thereby creating a traffic hazard. Our Parish Clerk and myself protested to Shropshire Highways about contractor negligence only to be told that the prolonged work was not in their jurisdiction but had been contracted through *Highways England* to a company called *Kier*. Indeed, you may have received from *Kier* a letter dated 16 December that their Planned Completion Date was 2 June 2017. At the time

of writing their latest missive declares completion date to be 14th July, but don't hold your breath: should Santa be late this year, you will know why – he got held up at Gledrid!

To keep updated with Minutes and other information, please take a visit to the St Martins Parish Council website at: <u>www.stmartinsparishcouncil.gov.uk</u>

Enjoy your summer break and keep safe.

Glenn Pennington Chair St Martins Parish Council



Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

The July meeting was held in the Community Centre, St Martins. During the public session Sue Heard, one of the Trustees from the Community Centre, gave a presentation on their project to 'Keep Everyone Safe' in the Centre and surrounding area. This will include updating the CCTV with additional cameras to ensure full coverage of all areas around the building and working with Stan's Superstore to install additional cameras to cover the field behind Stan's. Cllrs had expressed concern over the amount of litter being left in this field. Other improvement work for the Centre will include re-laying the paths in front and at the side of the building, plus making the temporary path from the car park permanent with additional drainage and some gardening work including reducing the height of some of the scrubs to ensure good visibility for visitors and cameras. New litter and recycling bins will also be provided. Fund raising events have already commenced to part fund this project.

On highway matters, Shropshire Council's contractor, Ringway, have been instructed to repair a large pot hole adjacent to no's 43 & 44 Moors Bank, to remove tree branches and cut back hedges that are overhanging the footpath also on Moors Bank and to repair the road surface that is breaking up on the St Martins side of Escob Bridge.

The Parish Council are now in discussions with Shropshire Council on whether to take on the responsibility for maintaining some of the amenity areas in the village. At present, possible cut backs in Shropshire Council budgets might result in these areas not being maintained to the standard we expect. Firstly the Parish Council will be looking at the specification for this work including having some flexibility over the number of cuts per year taking into account weather and growing conditions. Further updates will be given so that hopefully all residents will support the action being taken by the Parish Council.

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport reported that he is having further discussions with highway officers over improvements to the mini island junction at Ellesmere Road and Overton Road. One option is to retain the existing mini-roundabout and create an overrun area to make it easier for large vehicles turning left from the Overton Road into Ellesmere Road. Another option would be to remove the existing mini-roundabout and realign the junction to create a staggered crossroads with the main priority route being the St Martin's to Ellesmere route and vice versa. A new litter bin was agreed for Windy Ridge. Cllr's expressed concern over the lack of maintenance to the grounds surrounding the former lfton Heath School.

There were no planning applications to consider since the last meeting. For some time the

Parish Council have expressed concern that agreed pre-site conditions have not been met by the property developer of Orchard Close, St Martins, 'land West of Cottage Lane'. Failure to produce white line markings, excavate drainage ditch, cure the noticeable sewage smell, and cap the outlet vents near the electricity pylon (and public footpath) further down Cottage Lane. We have repeatedly asked Planning for information about site enforcement with (as yet) no reply.

Please note there is no Parish Council meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th September 2017 in the Community Centre, St Martins and not at The Moors. This is because the new Police & Crime Commissioner John Campion will be in attendance. Answers to questions on the enforcement of speed limits, future level of police officers, especially in rural areas, and monthly police reports and statistics in a better and more informative form than they are now have already been put to him. There will also be a ten minute session for the ClIrs and members of the public to raise questions from the floor. The October meeting will now be held at The Moors.

Edward Davies, Fellow ILCM, St Martins Parish Clerk.

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Shropshire Council

Councillor Steve Davenport

Unitary Councillor, St Martins School Governor, Chair of St Martins Centre Trustees Tel 07944097876 Email steve.davenport@shropshire.gov.uk

Well our Village Life magazine comes around very fast, but on that it's really good to hear the feedback we get - and it is always very positive.

Following the recent elections, I have a new role in the Shropshire Cabinet. I'm now in charge of highways and transport in Shropshire. In this role, one of my concerns at the moment is the Gledrid roundabout development and the inconvenience this has caused to the village. I can assure you I have made our views known to Highways England (whose responsibility it is) both on how slow the work has been to complete and on the fact that the result has been poor as far as local users trying to access the main A5 are concerned.

On specific happenings in the Village, I've asked Shropshire Council to provide flashing speed warning signs. You may have seen them in and around the county and country and I think it is time we had them here as an aid to helping to slow down through traffic. I get more complaints about speeding than on any other issue.

I'm still working with the Parish Council and Shropshire Council for a positive outcome on the future for the former Ifton School site for a mixed use development of housing and workshops. We are waiting now for an outline plabn from Shropshire Council.

I am also still actively working with St Martins school is coming along well under its Academy status ,

Whether you're going away this summer or not , please keep safe this Summer - and on that theme, we at St Martins Centre looking at new CCTV and other measures around the site to keep all users as safe as possible.

If you would like to talk to me all my contact details are on this page or you can find me at the Centre where I often base myself.

Steve Davenport



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Sunday FIRST Messy Church

3rd September at 11am. A short family service with songs, Bible story and prayer and afterwards coffee, cake and some **craft activities**.

Weekly Events

Our Website www.stmartinsparish.co.uk

Home groups meet at different times - see weekly notices.

Tuesday Coffee morning at 10:30am in the Chapter house.

Thursdays 9:30am Mid week service in church.

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St Martins F C



The new season is fast approaching and training is well underway. Our first pre-season friendly was away to Market Drayton and despite a narrow defeat the signs were encouraging.

The inaugural match for the New Derek Stokes Memorial Trophy took place The Venue on Friday 21st July. The choice to invite old adversaries

Whitchurch Alport to be our opponents was, we feel, a good one. as Derek played at Yockings Park against Alport on many occasions. Also, our opponents ground was the scene for a number of Ethelston Cup tussles. We are sure the night will bring back many memories for older St Martins veterans.





Our acceptance into the F.A. Vase competition is a major milestone in the history of our club. On September 9th we travel to Ashby-De-La-Zouch, Leicestershire where will play Ashby Ivanhoe in our 1st round tie. Why not leave your golf clubs in the garage and treat yourselves to a day out, come and join us!

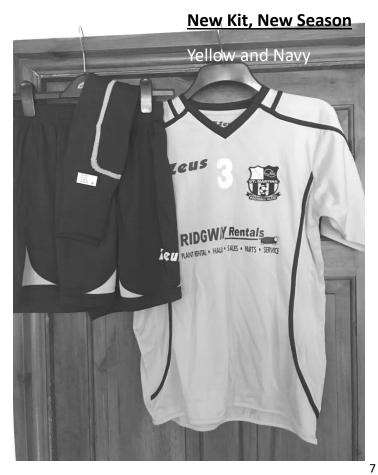
Another fine achievement for the club is that we have now been awarded F.A. Charter Standard Status by the Football Association. This is recognition of our clubs hard work and achievements down the years.

After our successful reunion evening last year, plans are being put in place for a repeat event, probably in late September. For details look out for posters around the village and in the local press.

On a sad note, Ces Rogers our hard working secretary of the 1950's and 60's passed away on the 13th of June. His funeral at Ellesmere Road Chapel was well attended by many former players.

The final winners of last seasons 100 Club were drawn at The Keys were:

April – No. 4 Helen Rose May – No 30 Del Owens June – No 57 Ian Holt July — No 100 Ande Joseph





St Martins Brownies had a great time at a District get together at Park Hall sports field to celebrate 100 years of Guiding Shropshire.

A big thank you to Stan's Superstore for helping us out with the healthy fruit for each child.

We have been to Shrewsbury to celebrate 100 years with 1,400 other Girl Guiding members.

This event was amazing with lots of fun and many well thought out activities for Girls from each section.



Last weekend we had a great time dressing up as pirates aboard boat while we were staying at the Guiding centre at Lyneal. The girls took it in turns to walk to Ellesmere and ride on

the new Shropshire Lad owned by the Lyneal Trust of which we are members.

We visited the Tesco store and had a lovely time being shown how to gut a range of fish and what they have to do to keep them fresh.

The girls asked questions and came away with a mackerel and prawns which we later had on the BBQ.





Girl Guiding Shropshire have been invited to take part in the narrow boat naming ceremony on Friday the 21st at 3.30pm. This will take place at Lyneal and the new boat will be officially named by HRH Alexandria. The girls will be in uniform and will line her route from our Guiding centre to the Wharf.

We will return to Brownies after the Summer break on September 12th.





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Messy Harvest Festival Sunday September 24th at 11am

Harvest Supper Monday September 25th at 6:30pm

THE PLANTERS

As a new resident in the village, I'd like to say how much I enjoy seeing the flower baskets which decorate the lampposts.

Having moved from a large town where no public floral decoration was displayed they are indeed a credit to the Parish Council.

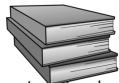
Keith Higgins.

Also, we would like to commend Bryan Swain for the beautiful planters on the Memorial Garden. He has now, looked after these for the last 2 years replenishing the flowers at no cost to the Parish Council. WELL DONE BRYAN



St Martins Book Box





If you have visited The St Martins Centre recently perhaps to Vote or to attend a Car Boot Sale you might have noticed the hundreds of paperback books, including some for children, in the lounge. Thanks to 3Parishes Big Local, we have purchased our last two book trolleys (no room for anymore expansion) and are in the process of sorting out the stock.

All books are FREE to borrow and they can be kept with no time limit for their return. More paperback books are welcome, but we will send any 'repeats' to a charity shop. Opening times are the same as The St Martins Centre, usually week days from 10.00am until 2.00pm. If the Book Box sign is outside the Book Box is open.

Volunteers are always needed to sort out books and to put returns back on the shelves., so leave a message if you can give us a hand. Come along and have a look.

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Sue, Judi and Jen

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Myself and both CSO Hughes and CSO Roberts now have new mobile telephone numbers:-

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PCSO Dave Hughes – 07870 219190 PCSO Pete Roberts – 07870 219019

Please contact us on the above numbers if you have any issues you wish to discuss. E-Mail - <u>oswestryrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk</u> Please report anything suspicious to the police on 101.





To report a crime please dial 101 or in an emergency dial 999

Ifton Colliery Commemorative Project



Terry Ellis , Ken Hinton and Sue Schofield attended the Chirk Fun Day and St Martins School Jamboree last month. We set up our stall with information about Ifton Colliery, photographs, artefacts (our thanks to Colin Williams of the Bersham Miner's Museum), scrapbook and lots of other information and yes, some pieces of coal - some children had never seen coal! We also had the commemorative medal on show. Thanks to Three Parishes Big Local for the Banner, flyers and use of the display boards.

We thank the organisers of both days for the opportunity to talk to so many people and explain about the statue, 'Miner of the 60's' and the fund raising activities. The next planned event is at the Oswestry Show on 5th August, when George Triggs will bring along the clay statue from which the moulds for the bronze statue will be made.



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Quiz July 2017

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- 2. Geese flying
- 3. Women
- 4. Ravens
- 5. Rooks
- 6. Porcupines
- 7. Scorpions
- 8. Raccoons
- 9. Rhinoceros
- 10.Students

Answers on page 30



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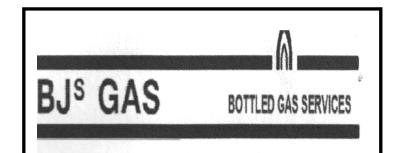
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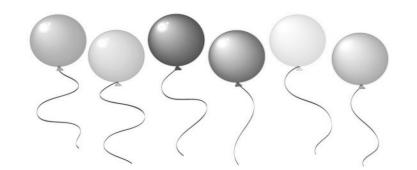
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Thursday Night Sizzler Night Spm-9pm

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COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS AWARDS

11th June at the Venue, Park Hall saw the first awards ceremony recognising the people and business in and around Oswestry who have gone that extra mile to support their community. It was very well attended by Town Councillors, including the new appointed Mayor and people from the whole area.

There were over 4,000 local people voting for their choice. Each winner got a trophy which was designed and made by the Ironworks as their contribution towards the day and the Venue hosted the party. James Bond from Radio Shropshire was MC for the event and did a sterling job, keeping the whole thing flowing and interesting.

The Advertizer, in conjunction with Oswestry Town Council, will run the awards again next year, so please consider who you would like to nominate or if you may be in a position to sponsor a category.

Many Congratulations to Stan's Superstore for their Outstanding Business Award, very well deserved.

There were 18 different awards:

Star of the Community:	Mervyn Bromley
Super Senior:	Bill Bowen
Inspirational Star:	Barbara Craig
Best Fundraiser:	Hope House
Special Award:	Nick Thomas
Best Volunteer:	Dial a Ride
Charity of the Year:	Derwen Collage
Award for Special Achievement:	Breidden Ward (Severn Hospice)
Sports Star :	Ellie Potts
Hospitality, Tourism And Leisure:	British Ironworks
Small Businesses:	Booka Bookshop
Large Businesses:	The Meat Man
Outstanding Contribution:	Stan's Superstore
Business Personality:	John Heartshorn
Market Personality:	Jason Edwards
Customer Service:	Eric Roberts Butchers
Place to Eat and Drink:	Derwen Collage
Liftime Achevement:	David Lloyd



Wayne Evans (Ridgway Rentals), Andrew Faulks and Peter Faulks (Stans Superstore) receiving their awards

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Yoga and Mindfulness classes in St Martins

Studies show that one very good way to work on our physical and mental fitness is to take up yoga and mindfulness. Together these belong to an ancient Indian system of holistic healthcare which boosts physical and mental wellbeing by focussing on building strength and flexibility through exercise and breath-control. Yoga and mindfulness benefit all ages, right from childhood through to those of very advanced years.

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yoga class, like the one I run on Thursday evenings at

St Martins Community Centre.

When we think of yoga, we tend to have mental images of people throwing pretzel shapes with their bodies! This means that people are often afraid to join a yoga class because they feel inflexible and stiff. But, again, flexibility is not an essential starting requirement. Yoga will improve your flexibility and help you go beyond your present range of movement.

If you would like to learn more about yoga and mindfulness and what it can offer you, visit my Facebook page for regular updates: https://www.facebook.com/Listenful/. If you would like join one of my yoga classes or would like one-to-one tuition, call me, Helen, on 07505095852.



What's on in August!

Tues 1st	WI	Outing	
Sat 5th	Car Boot Sale	St Martins Centre	9:00am
Sat 5th & Sun 6th	Mortimer's Fortress: A Medieval Weekend-2	Chirk Castle	11:00am on the 5th & 2pm on the 6th
Sun 6th	Car Boot Sale	Whittington Castle	10.00am
Wed 9th	Weston Rhyn Gardening Club Outing to Stockton Bury & Burford House	Contact 01691 778521	
Sat 12th & Sun 13th	Mortimer's Fortress: A Medieval Weekend - 3	Chirk Castle	11:00am on the 12th & 2pm on the 13th
Sun 13th	Meadows Work Day/Green Gym	Colliery Entrance (Weather permitting)	1:30pm
Sun 13th	Teddy Fundraising Day.	Whittington Castle	10.00am
Tues 15th & Wed 16th	The Smartest Giant In Town - outdoor theatre	Chirk Castle	2:00pm
Sat 19th	Car Boot Sale	St Martins Centre	9:00am
Sat 26th	Have-a-go archery	Chirk Castle	11:00am
Sun 27th	Car Boot Sale	Whittington Castle	10.00am
Mon 28th	Village Vintage Fete	Whittington Castle	10:00am