

Update from the Village Life Magazine Committee

As well as our usual articles and features this issue sees a few changes and some “new” faces. First, Glenn Pennington, known to many for his work on the Garden Village residents group and on the issues that led to the improvements in our local water and sewerage issues, writes his first article as the newly elected Chair of the Parish Council. Second, St Martins Centre launches its new “Keeping Everybody Safe” project which will see some major improvements at the Centre, including an upgrade to the CCTV system. Third and finally, the public access defibrillator cabinet recently installed outside the Centre is “going live”. This will be marked by two opportunities for “Heart Start” training from our CFR Effie Cadwallader for those who are interested. Although the use of the defibrillator is said to be straightforward and self-explanatory, the more people who have some basic training on what to do in an emergency, the better for all of us - and the training is FREE.

Our magazine AGM saw the existing members of the Editorial Committee voted back on to continue the work of producing Village Life, but it would be useful to add at least one person to take on the specific role of Secretary. This is not an onerous task as it simply consists of sending out agendas and calling notices for committee meetings once every two months, taking the notes of those meetings and ensuring that invoices are sent out to our advertisers.

We also still need someone to take on the delivery of future issues to the 62 homes in Greenfields. It is being covered temporarily, but really needs someone living locally to take it on please.

If you are willing to join our team of volunteers to carry out either of these tasks, please get in touch with me by phone on 01691 770677 or send me an email at hjohn.stevens@btinternet.com

John Stevens (Chair of the Editorial Committee)

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Parish Council

From the Chair

As the new Chair of St Martins Parish Council, may I say on behalf of our Councillors and those villagers who have benefited from Sue Schofield's leadership, many thanks Sue for your hard work in leading St Martins Parish Council for almost 3 years.

At this year's Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, I was elected as Chairman, and Andrew Cast was elected as Vice Chairman. Otherwise there is no other change.

We did not have a contested election therefore the same councillors continue to serve our community - and that is what we seek to do.

The *Good Councillor' Guide* (p9) tells us that some of the issues that concern parish government are these: "community safety, housing, street lighting, allotments, cemeteries, playing fields, community centres, litter, war memorials, seats and shelters, rights-of-way, and some aspects of planning and highways..." If you read the Minutes of our Parish Council meetings you will know that we discuss such issues and make collective decisions on them that we consider are in the best interest of our village and community. We are unpaid volunteers who have a heart for the well-being of our village and we abide by a rigorous code of conduct that ensures impartiality in our decisions.

The Government allows us to spend some money raised locally. Parish Councils are empowered to raise a precept or local tax which is collected by Shropshire Council as part of the overall Council Tax. As Sue said in the last Village Life magazine, for this year we were able to hold our precept at the same level as last year. That is due to good book-keeping by our Parish Clerk and our Councillor Chair of Finance. We thank them for their hours of labour.

As Chair, I will comment on village developments in future issues of the Village Life, but for more detail, please read our published Minutes (available on the Parish Council website), and in the Village Life please read the article by our Parish Clerk, Edward Davies, keeping you informed of issues discussed in our Parish Council meetings.

Glenn Pennington



Report from St Martins Parish Council Clerk

The local elections on 4th May saw all existing Cllrs re-elected unopposed. At the Annual Meeting of St Martins Parish Council Cllr Glenn Pennington was elected as Chairman, with Cllr Andrew Cast being appointed as Vice Chairman. Cllr G. Pennington then thanked Cllrs for electing him to this position and thanked Cllr S. Schofield for her past two and a half years as Chairman and raising the standards of this position and the operation of the Council. Members of the Parish Council were also appointed to a number of committees which include Executive, Recreation Services, Finance, Planning and Street Lighting.

At the monthly Council meeting CSO Pete Roberts went through the crime figures for our parish for April. Cllrs requested figures from recent speed checks in the village. A number of Cllrs expressed concern over the new traffic management scheme for the A5 Gledrid junction and questioned why bollards are left overnight restricting traffic movement when no works were taking place. These concerns would be passed on to Highways England. Cllrs also suggested the police monitor the traffic flow in this area once this work has been completed. Although we now have six volunteers for the community speed watch scheme it was agreed that we still need more people to come forward for training. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in volunteering.

The Parish Council saw no reason to object to the planning application for the erection of a two storey extension and associated alterations at Pentre Farm, Pentre, St Martins, although concern was expressed over how this property will now be significantly enlarged by this extension. An application for outline planning permission for residential development of 2 dwellings on land adjoining Smithy Cottage, Overton Road, St Martins was also considered. The Parish Council saw no reason to object to this application but felt that two properties would be an over development of the site and expressed serious concerns over the safety of access in and out of the site whichever access was agreed.

Shropshire Cllr Steve Davenport said he would shortly be having a meeting with Shropshire Council officers to consider the issues raised by members of the public at the last meeting concerning a number of our narrow lanes which were not being maintained by Shropshire Council. Some which were previously maintained with tarmac surfaces are now just muddy tracks and cannot be used by cars or bikes and in places are difficult for walkers. Others have roadside drains blocked.

Some Cllrs felt a proposal to remove the mini island at the junction of Ellesmere and Overton Roads would help improve traffic issues in this area, but widening the road would make it worse. It was felt that a complete review of traffic management in the village was urgently required.

Cllrs reported the footpath behind the Institute in Green Lane was now impossible to walk along in certain places. A damaged road sign in Clarkes Lane had still not been replaced, a number of quad bikes had been reported in the area, a drain cover lifted out onto the road and an increase of litter along this lane. Concern was also raised about the state of the field on the right hand side as you enter St Martins from the Gledrid direction. The ditch opposite Orchard Close has still not been dug out, road markings have still not been replaced at the end of Cottage Lane and lines in Coopers Lane and Mount Bradford Lane still require re-painting. These items will be reported to Shropshire Council Highways Dept. along with a request for a sign for Moors Lane Chapel to be erected on the main road.

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

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Many thanks for returning me as your Unitary Councillor for the St Martins Division with a larger majority. I'm here as always to work to help everyone - in my personal opinion politics shouldn't affect that. As my term starts again I will be continuing to encourage only planning applications that are needed and I will do my best to stop unwanted building.

On my list of must do's is to manage traffic and road calming in St Martins, but I don't do this on my own. I work in partnership with the Parish Council, school and many individuals, making sure that we handle and hold Shropshire Council to account.

As you know now St Martins School has had large investments to make it a secure school for the future in the village and recently the Government has given the School £644,000 to replace ageing, leaking and rotten windows and roof etc.. We are also hoping to reinstate the tennis courts.

Please don't hesitate to contact me by email , phone, or you can find me in the Centre.  
Thank you Steve

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## **Defibrillator Training**

*Now that there is a public access defibrillator cabinet outside the St Martins Centre, Effie Cadwallader, Community First Responder and Heart Start tutor has offered to run two Heart Start courses in June. The two courses will focus on major emergencies which require immediate action such as unconscious patients, heart attacks etc. along with how to use a defibrillator.*

*The two FREE courses (open to anyone over 12 years of age) will be held at the Centre on **Tuesday June 13th 2.00-4.00** and again on **Saturday June 24th 11.00-1.00**.*

*There is no need to book, but if you are interested in either course please contact the Centre on 01691 770204, by email to [stmartinscentre@mail.com](mailto:stmartinscentre@mail.com) or by calling in on any weekday between 10.00-2.00 so we have an idea of numbers - we'd hate to run out of tea & biscuits!*

*The Trustees would like to thank the volunteers and Neil Harris Electrical Services for their help in installing the defibrillator.*

## **St Martins Parish Church**

St Martins Parish Church would like to thank the Three Parishes Big Local for the Big Local Community Chest grant of Four Hundred and Seventy Pounds which we received to provide new blinds for the Chapter House.

These blinds are now in place and have really smartened up the Chapter House as the curtain rails which had been in place since the erection of Chapter House had become very loose and the curtains were very shabby. Since the blinds

are also thermal they also ensure that the heat does not escape when the blinds are drawn. Thank you very much for the good work done by the **Three Parishes Big Local**.





# St. Martins Parish Church

## Service Times:

**Sunday:** 9.30 a.m. our usual Morning Worship Service.  
Please come along and join us. We are a friendly and welcoming Church and we would love to see you.

## Sunday FIRST Messy Church

**4<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11 a.m.** A short family service with songs, Bible story and prayer  
And afterwards coffee, cake and some craft activities



## Weekly Events:

**Home Groups:** One of the best ways to meet other people and to participate in the life of the church is to join a small group. These meet at different times – please contact for details

**Tuesdays:** Coffee morning at 10.30 a.m. in the Chapter House

**Thursdays:** 9.30 a.m. Mid week service in church

**Fridays:** 7.30 p.m. St Martins and Weston Rhyn Church Youth Group (12-19 years) currently meeting at St Johns Weston Rhyn. Info: Janet on: 777396

## **Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals.**

We welcome all enquiries and will be pleased to give advice on any matter concerning such events.

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Meet the Sunday First Team

### St Martins Parish Church – Sunday First

Sunday First is St Martin's Church version of "Messy Church". It takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. at St Martins Church and is designed to suit the needs of young families. We start the time off in church with a few songs and a bible story and we then move into the Chapter House for the "messy bit" where a variety of craft activities take place and we do have a lot of fun.

It is an opportunity for young families to learn in a relaxed atmosphere what goes on in church and the basics of the Christian faith and also have some fun. It's a great opportunity for parents to catch up with each other and have a chat whilst their children are engaged in activities.

There is always plenty of coffee and tea for the adults and squash for the kids and also cake and biscuits (but not too much so as to spoil lunch).

It would be lovely to see you so please come along on the first Sunday of next month.

## Quiz May 2017

1. Which author wrote the historical fiction adventure novel Kidnapped?
2. Who was prime minister of the United Kingdom 1964 to 1970 and 1974 to 1976?
3. Portman Road is the home ground of which English football club?
4. What type of mammal lives in a sett?
5. Cagliari is the capital of which Mediterranean Island?
6. What was the first name of Queen Victoria's father?
7. In which county is the village of Steeple Aston?
8. 'Two Jags' is the nickname of which Labour politician?
9. What was Winston Churchill's middle name?
10. Who was England cricket's second highest scorer in India this year?



# ST MARTINS F C

On reflection the 2016/17 season proved to be a very bumpy ride which saw many high and low points. Last August we approached the new season with much optimism and the early signs were good. A home victory over Kington Town on the opening day was followed by two fine away wins at Bromyard and Wem. However, by Christmas a slow and painful decline saw us two points adrift at the bottom of the League. In January our present manager Dan Stevens took over the helm and steadied the ship. Performances improved and the season ended with an excellent 4 -1 home win over Darlaston Town which saw us finish 8th in the league. One place above Wem Town, which was cause for celebration!



The disappointing performance on the field of play paled into insignificance when in January the club lost it's long and faithful servant Derek Stokes. Derek's passing certainly put things into perspective and he continues to be sadly missed by us all.

On May 4th our AGM was held at the Greyhound and the meeting proved to be very informative and the outlook for the future looks positive. We would like to thank Barbara and staff for their kind hospitality.

The season culminated with our awards evening, which was held at the Keys. Thanks go to John and all the staff for the excellent meal and service. Special thanks go to Shaun Mellis for all his hard work in organising what proved to be a superb evening enjoyed by all. Also a Big pat on the back for Andy Joseph who compered the evening in his own inimitable style.

The summer break is now upon us. However for the committee the work goes on as we strive to raise funds for the next campaign. We thanks all our sponsors for their help last season and hope we can rely on their support in the future. PETE AND TERRY





## ST MARTINS COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

It has been truly heart warming being on the receiving end of so many cheers, slaps on the back, handshakes, smiles, hugs, waves and congratulations this last six weeks following my reinstatement as one of your two Community First Responders. It was a horrible episode which was resolved in

a wonderful way, thanks to the many, many people who perhaps don't know me but who were prepared to stand up and be counted. I would not have been reinstated without the combined efforts of the residents of our village and further afield, literally hundreds of people who were prepared to speak up for me. It was the perfect example of what living in a village means and I can never thank you enough.

Effie

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# St Martins Methodist Church

(Ellesmere Road)

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|                             | June 4 <sup>th</sup> | June 11 <sup>th</sup> | June 18 <sup>th</sup> | June 25 <sup>th</sup>             |
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| <b>St Martins<br/>10.00</b> | Roberts              | AWT                   | Rev Wilson<br>HC      | Rev Shoreman<br>11.00 Anniversary |
| <b>Moors<br/>11.00</b>      | Boddy/Adams          | G Winter              | Rev Wilson<br>HC      | St Martins 11.00                  |

|                             | July 2 <sup>nd</sup> | July 9 <sup>th</sup> | July 16 <sup>th</sup>             | July 23 <sup>rd</sup> | July 30 <sup>th</sup> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>St Martins<br/>10.00</b> | Rev Watkins<br>11.00 | Moors 11.00          | Messy<br>Church<br>11.00          | Oswestry 10.45        | AWT                   |
| <b>Moors<br/>11.00</b>      | St Martins           | Jackson              | Rev Wilson<br>Anniversary<br>6.00 | Oswestry 10.45        | AWT                   |

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Ellesmere Road Chapel

**SUNDAY JULY 16<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am** (Followed by lunch)

We would like to give our minister Heather our thanks for all the support she has given to the people of St Martins over the past few years. She has been our 'Super Hero' helping people and developing our 'Messy Church' services. We would also like to thank her husband Hugh for the support he has given in improving our church building.

**We wish her well in her new post.**

**Strawberry & Cream Tea Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup>. 3.30 – 4.30**



## Grand Tour Of Stan's

On the 24th March the St Martins Church Ladies Fellowship were invited to a tour and talk of Stan's.

We were met by Stan's grandson, Andrew at 7pm where he took us on a tour behind the store and explained what work goes on that the public don't see. Then we were treated to tea and refreshments and a talk about how the store was started.

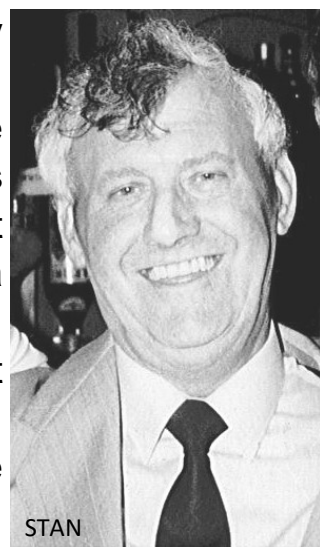
Most of us knew Stan, so for the benefit of people who never had the pleasure of knowing Stan I will explain a little about him.

Stan served in World War II and was a prisoner of war in Japan where he went through HELL, but that is another story. Stan opened a small shop in St Martin, he worked hard and long hours with his wife beside him, he was a kind and generous man and sort of breathed new life in the village and his family followed in his ways.

Wherever, you went someone seemed to know or heard of Stan the Shop. As the village grew so did his business and is noted for it's friendliness and perfect staff, they always have time for you, not pushed through like a number, you are treated not just like a customer but a friend, you feel you belong there.

Stan's is like a small town under one roof everything we need, so let us pray that the family have the health and strength to continue. Sadly Stan died many years ago on the car park at the place he loved, he would be so proud of his family now.

Brenda Rogers



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remember that if they are held on with screws, that they can easily and quickly be undone with a cordless screwdriver. Most DIY stores stock 'tamper proof' screws that can't be undone, these are a brilliant preventative measure. Fit grilles or meshes to windows and invest in an inexpensive shed alarm.

'Defensive Planting' is the use of prickly shrubs in vulnerable areas such as windows, fences, boundary walls and drain pipes. It can also make it difficult for people to climb though into your garden if they are around the boundary.

Putting a trellis on top of fencing also makes it difficult for people to climb over.

For more crime prevention advice please feel free to get in contact with me.

Please report anything suspicious to the police on 101.

Kate Le'Clere, PC 3718

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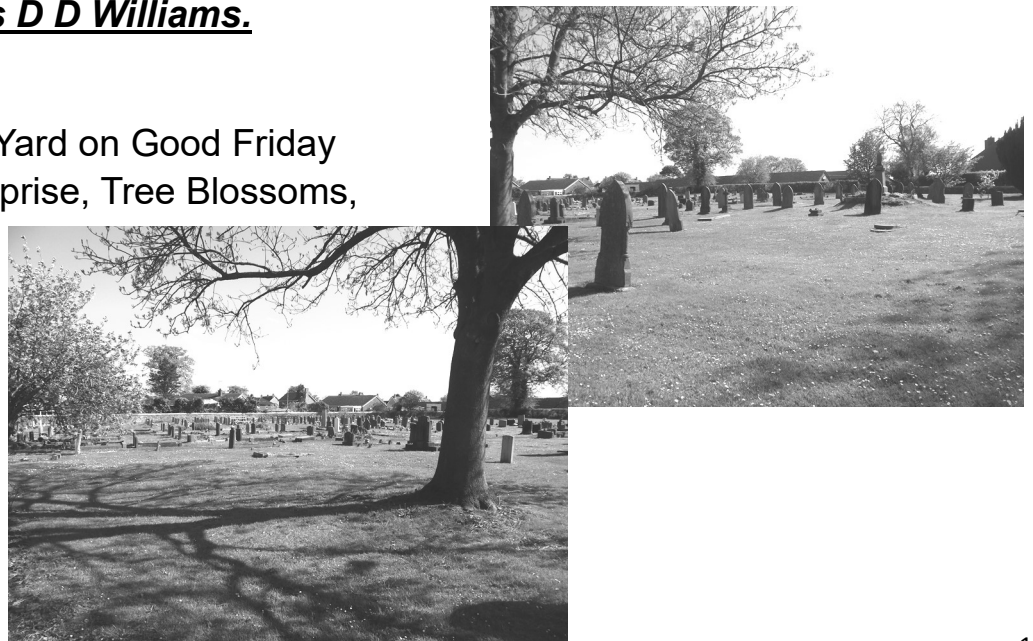


## **Letter Received from Mrs D D Williams.**

I visited St Martins Church Yard on Good Friday morning. What a lovely surprise, Tree Blossoms, Beautiful, Birds Singing and the grass a joy to see. I have never seen it look so cared for.

Thank You

D. D. Williams





## Scout and about

2<sup>nd</sup> St Martins Scouts have been making the most of better weather and longer days, starting with a good old spring clean in the village

### Take a hike!

A mum had commented on the mountain of litter at the playground during the Easter holidays, so Cub leader Keith Allum decided our scout group could make a difference – and they did!

They collected nearly 3 bags of rubbish in total.



### Spring into summer

Another bright and sunny evening saw Beavers and Cubs complete a 3-mile village stroll over farm and fields to the canal. Joined by several mums and dads, it was a great end to the day and an evening that was enjoyable for all



### Well done!

Congratulations to our scouts who, after weeks of preparation, completed their expedition this month.

Carrying their overnight gear on their backs and walking more than ten miles, the team cooked their own evening meal and camped in our Shropshire countryside.

A midnight downpour didn't dampen their spirits and they were up bright and early for breakfast the next day, followed by the walk home again.



### Team building

With so many new members and a cub camp on the horizon, team games are important at the scout hut. From shark to dodgeball, the high energy action guarantees a lot of fun and the chance for new members to make friends.



**2<sup>nd</sup> St Martins** Beavers meet on Mondays at 5pm to 6pm; Cubs meet Mondays at 6:15pm to 7:30pm; and Scouts meet Wednesdays 7pm to 8:30pm in winter, extending to 9pm in the summer. Contact Barry Evans on **07921 838120** if you would like to know more.





**The Village FC Football Team** has come to the end of their season for 2016 - 2017. We've had a good season as far as the League goes finishing in sixth spot in Division One in The Sportsjam Regional League. We were hoping to have finished in the top four but it was not from the Lads trying their best, it just wasn't meant to be this season.

We would like to thank all the local businesses that have supported us through out the season and all the local people who have supported us when we fund raise.

**St.Martins Village Football Club** held their presentation night on Saturday the 13th of May at The Keys St.Martins where the club

enjoyed an evening meal, which was then followed by the presentation of trophies which were awarded to ....

**Aron Davies** took away two of the awards Top Goal Scorer and Manager's Player.

**Max Smith** was awarded Most Improved

**Tristan Lloyd** was Players' Player.

A **Special Award** went to (Secretary) Steve McGowan who received The Clubman Award for all his efforts in making this Club.



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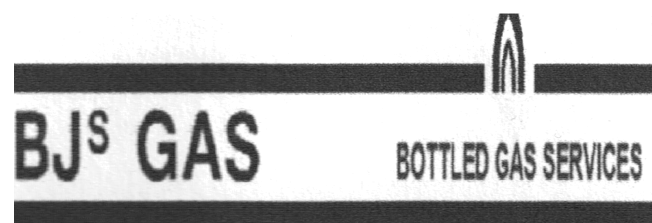
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Our recent fund raising events have included a valuation morning with *Trevanion & Dean* which raised over £200, car boot sales, a store collection at Aldi and the Easter Eggstavananza when over 25 children enjoyed 'Crafts & Snacks'

As well as raising funds for day to day running expenses we have a new project called **'Keeping Everybody Safe'** which could cost over £5000. This project will include: -

- ◇ A 'state of the art' CCTV system monitoring inside the building, the outside of the building, the play area and the football field.
- ◇ A permanent path from the car park to replace the existing temporary one. Changing the layout of the garden including repositioning the existing table and purchasing new benches along with the removal of large bushes.
- ◇ Relaying the path across the front of The Centre.
- ◇ New waste/recycling bins.
- ◇ Installing new outside lights.

We hope that work can be carried out by local firms. If you are interested please let the Trustees know either by email or letter so we can send you all the details.

**JUNE car boot sales : Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**JULY car boot sales: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>**



**Monday Night Curry Night 5pm-8pm**

Curry and a pint £8.50

**Tuesday Night Fish Night 5pm-8pm**

Beer Battered Cod, Breaded Plaice, Scampi or Salmon and a pint £9.95

**Wednesday Night Steak Night 5pm-8pm**

Rump Steak and a glass of wine of your choice £12.00

**Thursday Night Sizzler Night 5pm-9pm**

Any Sizzler and a pint £10.50

**HAPPY HOUR TIMES MONDAY—FRIDAY**

**2PM-6PM**

|                        |              |                      |              |                            |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Fosters</b>         | <b>£2.50</b> | <b>Guinness</b>      | <b>£2.70</b> | <b>Real Ales All £2.50</b> |
| <b>Carling</b>         | <b>£2.50</b> | <b>John Smiths</b>   | <b>£2.20</b> |                            |
| <b>Carling premier</b> | <b>£2.70</b> | <b>Worthington's</b> | <b>£2.10</b> |                            |
| <b>Wrexham Lager</b>   | <b>£2.50</b> | <b>Strongbow</b>     | <b>£2.70</b> |                            |

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# Ifton Colliery Commemorative Project

## 66 at 66

### **What does one do to celebrate ones 66th birthday to make a splash?**

Well, for our Chair, Sue Schofield, it was swimming 66 lengths of St Martins Swimming Pool in a recorded time of 42mins 32 secs. The total pledges came in at £1,650.

### **What a remarkable amount.**

Thanks to Ms Lovecy for allowing the pool to be used free of charge and also BIG THANKS to Mr Jed Machin the manager of the Sports complex at St Martins School, for his time in opening up for the challenge and for acting as the independent verifier. Jed said "Sue swam at a consistent pace of around 7 minutes per 11 lengths. The plan was to do 11 lengths every 10 minutes which would have allowed the 66 lengths to be completed in the hour but she did a lot better than that. How she managed such consistency, I really don't know. Usually people slow down towards the end in these kind of challenges. Well done Sue".

Terry Ellis and Ken Hinton, two of the committee members, along with several others, were there to support Sue and were instrumental in promoting the attempt which added a considerable sum to the total.



### **Charity Market**



We have a stall at the **Charity Market** to be held on the Bailey Head Oswestry on Friday 2nd June. We will have many artefacts on display along with more information including photographs of the Ifton Colliery.

Do come and see us, if only to encourage us. We are hopeful of a sunny day.

Also Saturday 10th June we hope to attend the Preeshenlle Chapel Rose Queen fair at Gobowen.

### **Future Fundraising Events**

**Look out for posters and local Newspapers for information about a Summer Race Night to be held on Saturday 22nd July and how to get Draw Tickets for a Raffle of Favours.** Some of the favours already given are a Tour of Westminster and a meal with Owen Paterson in the House of Commons members dining room, a hand knitted Arran Jacket/Jumper and an afternoon exploring your Family Tree.





# **St Martins Angling Club**



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# What's on in June!

|                      |                                            |                                    |            |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Sun 4th              | Sunday Social Club                         | St Martins Centre                  | 3pm        |
| Tues 6th             | WI<br>Kevin Battam Butcher<br>Cuts of Meat | St Martins Institute               | 7:30pm     |
| Sat 10th             | Car Boot                                   | St Martins Playing Field           | from 900am |
| Sun 11th             | Car Boot                                   | Whittington Castle                 | from 10am  |
| Sun 11th             | Green Gym                                  | Ifton Meadows<br>Colliery Entrance | 1:30pm     |
| Tues 13th            | Heart Start Training                       | St Martins Centre                  | 2pm - 4pm  |
| Tues 13th            | IMMC meeting                               | St Martins Centre                  | 7:30pm     |
| Thurs 15th           | Parish Council Meeting                     | St Martins Centre                  | 7:00pm     |
|                      |                                            |                                    |            |
| Sun 18th             | The House of Blackstar<br>1940s Day        | Whittington Castle                 | from 10am  |
| Sat 24th             | Car Boot                                   | St Martins Playing Field           | from 9am   |
| Sat 24th             | Heart Start Training                       | St Martins Centre                  | 11am - 1pm |
| Sat/Sun<br>24th/25th | Knights in Battle<br>Living History        | Whittington Castle                 | from 10am  |
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